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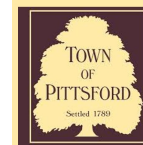
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Community

*See listings below for
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

TOWN 2023 BUDGET PASSED, KEEPS THE TAX RATE FLAT

Town Supervisor Bill Smith's 2023 Town Budget was approved at the November 9, 2022 Town Board meeting. The Supervisor's budget holds the Town tax rate flat – with no increase. It continues funding for all current Town services and events, with improvements. It preserves the cut in the Town tax rate of more than 9% achieved since 2018. Under the Supervisors budget for 2023, for every dollar paid in property tax, just eight cents (\$0.08) is Town of Pittsford tax.



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

2023 Pittsford Town Budget

Bill Smith | Pittsford Town Supervisor

The 2023 Town Budget documents, including the Supervisor's budget presentation and his budget memo, can be found online at www.townofpittsford.org/budgets. These also can be found by using the "Budgets & Financials" link under the "Government" tab on the Town website home page. Hard copies are available for viewing at Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office.



RESERVE A LODGE AT KING'S BEND PARK FOR THE 2023 SEASON

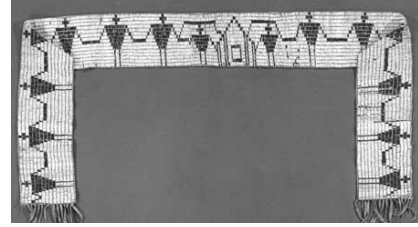
Hold your special occasion at King's Bend Park! Pittsford residents can now make lodge reservations for the 2023 calendar year. Reservations can be made online

at <https://web1.myvscloud.com/wbwc/nypittsfordwt.wsc/splash.html>. Those who are unable to complete a reservation online may drop off a lodge reservation request form at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center during regular office hours (8:00am – 5:00pm, M-F) or mail it in to the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsford, NY 14534. The King's Bend Park Lodge Request form is available at the Community Center and can be found at

Find more information here www.townofpittsford.org/facilities. For help with any questions, contact our Pittsford Recreation Department at 248-6280.

COMMEMORATING THE 1794 CANANDAIGUA TREATY AND NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

November is Native American Heritage Month and November 11 was 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, 228 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 9 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.onondaganation.org/news/2020/the-1794-canandaigua-treaty. To learn more about the many ways those of Native American heritage have enriched our country through their knowledge, skills, myriad accomplishments, rich ancestry and traditions, visit www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov.



An interactive program that will have children learning about fossils, participating in a mock dig and role-playing dinosaurs to explore how they move, eat, and defend themselves.
For children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Registration is required.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19;
10:00AM-10:45AM &
11:00-11:45AM
FISHER MEETING ROOM

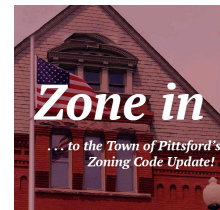
This Saturday, November 19, children in Kindergarten through second grade can learn about dinosaurs at the Pittsford Community Library! Staff from the Rochester Museum and Science Center will be on hand to provide a fun and interactive program that will have children learning about fossils, participating in a mock dig, and role-playing dinosaurs to explore

how they move, eat and defend themselves. The program is offered at 10:00 - 10:45am and at 11:00 - 11:45am and is free but registration is required. [Register online here](#) or find the registration calendar under the Events tab at www.townofpittsford.org/library.

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 www.townofpittsford.org/library.

ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ONLINE

If you missed the November 9 Town Board Zoning Code Update meeting, you can view it online at this link: [Town Board Zoning Code Update Meeting 11/09/22](#). Complete information about the Town's Zoning Code Update can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.



DONATIONS NEEDED TO HELP PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS - TO BE DISTRIBUTED THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY

The Pittsford Food Cupboard needs your help to provide Thanksgiving dinner items to 200 local families in need. **The final Thanksgiving food distribution continues this Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19 and they need frozen turkeys 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 19 but **please don't wait if you plan to give.** 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, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, Jiffy cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, chicken broth and stuffing.**

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 will be open **this Friday (11/18) from 9:30am to 1:30pm and this Saturday from 9:30am – 11:30am.** The **deadline for turkey drop off is this Friday, 11/18; other items will still be accepted on Saturday, 11/20.** Non-perishable items can be left in the lobby area drop off bins when the building is open, Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Use Door 26 or 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.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services including Town Hall, the Parks and Sewer departments, and Town Court will close at 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 23 and remain closed Thursday and Friday, November 24-25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The Town Highway Department will be closed on Thursday, November 24; regular Town leaf collection services will be provided on Friday, November 25.



The **Spiegel Pittsford Community Center** will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 23 and remain closed on Thursday (11/24) and Friday (11/25).

The **Pittsford Community Library** will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 23 and will be closed on Thursday, November 24; it is open regular hours (9:00am - 6:00pm) on Friday, November 25.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during holiday closure, please call (585) 248-621.

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, 12/2, 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.
- **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, 12/3, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [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

- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 11/21, 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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

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- [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

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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