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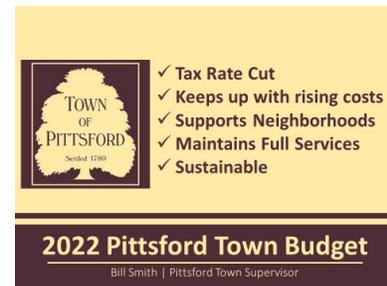
Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy
Community

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

SUPERVISOR SMITH'S PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET CUTS TOWN TAX RATE

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.



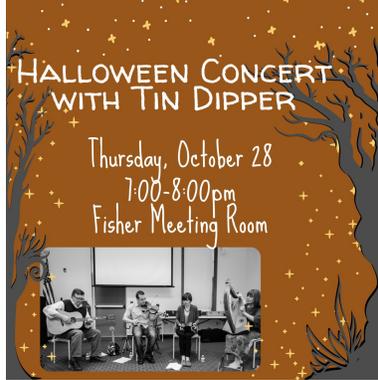
Cumulatively since 2018, the supervisor's proposed budgets have cut the Town tax rate by more than 9%. For years Town taxes have been held to 9 cents of every dollar a Pittsford household pays in property tax. With this most recent tax cut, Town taxes now represent *just* 8 cents of every dollar a Pittsford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

A public hearing on the Proposed 2022 Town Budget will be held in the Town Hall meeting room on 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.

HALLOWEEN CONCERT WITH TIN DIPPER AT THE LIBRARY THURSDAY

The Halloween spirit continues at the Pittsford Community Library this Thursday, October 28 with a concert by Tin Dipper from 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room. Enjoy tunes, poems, and songs on a



supernatural theme and hear insights on the ancient beliefs surrounding this holiday.

The concert 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>.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: CHILD WATCH DIRECTOR

Application Deadline this Monday, 11/1

The Town of Pittsford Recreation Department is seeking an outgoing, personable, and creative individual to fill the position of [Child Watch Program Director](#). The deadline to apply is this Monday, November 1, 2021.



The Child Watch Program Director will plan and implement age appropriate activities for program participants (children ages 2-5 years old). This is a leadership position that oversees recreational personnel and the daily tasks surrounding assigned program activities. Candidates should have experience working with children, strong communication skills, and the ability to multi-task. Hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 12:30pm and may vary; additional hours for program planning are available. For a complete job description, salary details and application process, use this link to see the [Child Watch Director job listing](#) online or visit the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/hr/pittsford-employment-opportunities.



LIMITED NUMBER OF BEDS AVAILABLE AT COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR 2022

A small number of garden beds are available for the 2022 season at the Town's Community Garden located at Thornell Farm Park (480 Mendon Road). **Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 9:00am this Monday, November 1.** Please note emails

and calls received before 9:00am will not be eligible. Those interested reserving a bed should contact Pittsford Parks Department General Foreman Jess Neal at jneal@townofpittsford.org; those without email can call her at 248-6495.

Each garden bed is 4' x 8' in size. Tools, water, mulch and compost are provided on-site. Click the link to see a [map of the garden layout](#). Thornell Farm Park is located at 480 Mendon Road in Pittsford.

The Town's Pittsford Community Garden was created in 2017 via a partnership with and financial support from the Rotary Club of Pittsford; initially it offered 40 raised garden beds. Combined with additions over the past few years, there are now a total of 91 raised beds in the garden. To submit a registration, contact Pittsford Parks Department General Foreman Jess Neal at jneal@townofpittsford.org or (585) 248-6495.

ROTARY ELECTION NIGHT DINNER THIS TUESDAY -

DRIVE THRU BBQ AT THORNELL FARM PARK

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#) continues its long tradition of hosting an [Election-Day Supper](#) by serving drive-thru chicken BBQ dinners this year prepared by Sticky Lips BBQ. Now in its 55th year, the charity event will be held this Tuesday, November 2 from 4:00 - 7:00pm at Thornell Farm Park, 480 Pittsford-Mendon Road in Pittsford, just south of Mendon High School.



Tickets for the supper are \$15 and available online at www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org or from any Pittsford Rotarian.

"We conduct this event annually to celebrate our precious right and obligation to vote and and make our voices heard," said Dave Irwin, president of the club. "We'll be observing appropriate safety measures such as wearing gloves and face coverings to provide a safe an environment. Sticky Lips serves some of the best barbeque around and we hope the community responds to help us support local and regional charities while enjoying a great meal."

Rotarians will be on hand to control traffic flow and serve the dinners, which will include a quarter chicken, pulled pork, macaroni salad, Cajun corn, cornbread and a cookie. A \$7.00 Sticky Lips appetizer coupon also will be included with each meal.

All proceeds from this event will be used to support the many charitable organizations that receive assistance from Pittsford Rotary - including the Pittsford Food Cupboard, Habitat for Humanity and the student dictionary project.



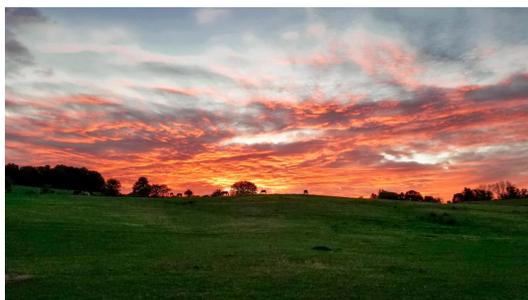
SENIORS THANKSGIVING FEAST IS NOVEMBER 9 - SIGN UP BY THIS TUESDAY, 11/2

Featuring musical performance by John Dady!

We're very thankful for our seniors. So seniors, join us on Tuesday, November 9 at 12 noon for a Thanksgiving Feast in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel

Pittsford Community Center. Enjoy a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal and a musical performance by John Dady! Lunch features roasted turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, squash, jellied cranberry sauce - and pumpkin pie for dessert! Cost is \$12.00 per person; advance registration and payment is due by this Tuesday, November 2.

For more information and to register, stop by Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235. The Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about all of our wonderful programs for seniors [click here to visit the Seniors page](#) on the Town website or [click here to read our Seniors program info brochure](#) online.



GREENPRINT 25 SPOTLIGHT: LEHMAN AND SNYDER/LEHMAN FARMS

We continue to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the [Town's Greeprint plan](#) with a focus on some of the farms preserved by the Greenprint.

The 80-acre **Lehman Farm** on Mill Road was known in earlier times as the Snyder Farm. The Snyder/Lehman family began farming

the land in the mid-1800s. The farm was a dairy in the 1960s and later produced kidney beans, soy beans and corn, and had a farm market on East Street. Today, the primary crop is hay. The farm is owned and farmed by Jim Lehman. It remains home to several horses and has an iconic sunset view of the horse pasture hill.

Across Mill Road is the **Snyder/Lehman Farm** – a 24 acre parcel originally comprising part of the Snyder Farm. The Greenprint made it possible for Jim Lehman to purchase the land. Land protected by the Greenprint must remain farmland. This keeps the purchase price at the value of farmland – not the much higher value of land that can be developed. “Nobody could pay as high a price as a developer,” Jim says. The Greenprint keeps the purchase price of farmland attainable for farmers. This creates a critical advantage for land preservation and farming in Pittsford. As Jim puts it, “Once the land is developed, it’s gone.”

NEXT PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE IS 11/6

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 its next drive-through canned and packaged food drive to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) and the [Veterans Outreach Center](#) on 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.



FIREWORKS COURTESY NOTIFICATION FOR THIS SATURDAY, 10/30

Public and private fireworks events in the Town of Pittsford require a permit issued by the Town. As a courtesy, notifications for public and private fireworks events held within the Town are posted on the [Town website](#), the [Town Facebook page](#) and in the [Town's eNews](#). Courtesy notifications also can be mailed in advance to those in the immediate area of a permitted

fireworks event (public or private) who request them. To request a mailed Fireworks Notification, please contact April Zurowski in the Department of Public Works at azurowski@townofpittsford.org or 248-6249. Please see below the current fireworks

event permit notification.

Current Fireworks Event Notification:

Saturday, October 30, 2021 - Private fireworks event at Monroe Golf Club - approximately 9:30pm

All current Fireworks Event Courtesy Notification listings can be found on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications.

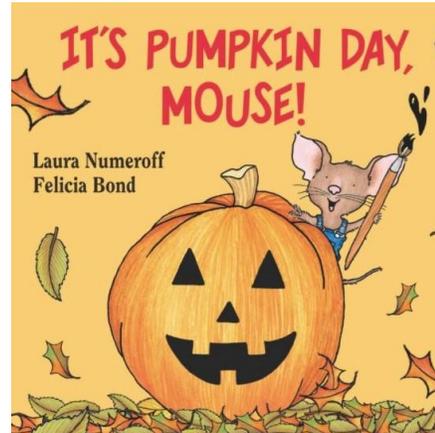
REMINDERS

"IT'S PUMPKIN DAY, MOUSE!" STORY STROLL OCTOBER 25 - 31

Display will be up at Community Center through Sunday

The time is right for a colorful story come to life – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center through this Sunday, October 31 and take a walk through our "It's Pumpkin Day, Mouse!" story stroll in the Community Center field. Follow the story of Mouse from "If you give a

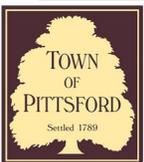
Mouse a Cookie" – he's excited for fall because it means it is time to decorate pumpkins. But one pumpkin is missing – where could it have gone? Take our Story Stroll and find out! Participants are asked to follow CDC physical distancing and mask guidelines as appropriate.



Once you have completed the walk, stop at the Community Center front desk and pick up a **themed craft pack to take home!** Craft packs are available Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 6:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am – 5:00pm.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about the event, call the Community Center at 248-6280.

**Pittsford
Schools**



VIDEO OF STATE OF PITTSFORD PRESENTATION AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

If you missed the [Pittsford Chamber of Commerce "State of Pittsford" address](#) featuring updates by Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer and Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero, you can watch it on demand via the Town website. Use the above link or go to www.townofpittsford.org/channel12 and select the On Demand link to get to the ERCN TV-12 viewer. Then select

"Playlists," scroll down to select "Town of Pittsford Events" and select "State of Pittsford Meeting."

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

- **"It's Pumpkin Day, Mouse!" Story Stroll**, October 25 - 31, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home; free and open to the public. Participants are asked to follow CDC physical distancing and mask guidelines as appropriate.
- [Rotary Club of Pittsford Election Day Drive-Thru BBQ Supper](#), Tuesday, 11/2, 4:00 - 7:00pm, Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road. Tickets are \$15 each, available online or from any Rotarian; proceeds to benefit local charities and service organizations.
- [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.
- [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 Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Thursday, 10/27 - **NO MEETING**. Find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.
- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 11/1, 7:00pm, Town Hall – 2nd Floor Conference

Room, 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**, 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**
- **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

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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
- **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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