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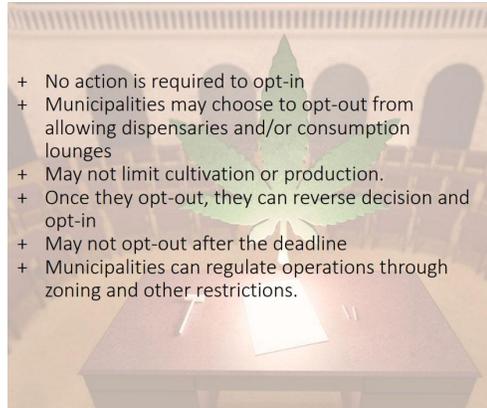
Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy
Community

See listings below for

Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

PUBLIC HEARING ON MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES/CONSUMPTION LOUNGES AT 12/8 MEETING

On Wednesday, December 8 at the Town Board meeting a public hearing at which Pittsford residents can share their views will be held about the Town Board's decision to pursue **opting out of marijuana retail dispensaries and consumption lounges in the Town of Pittsford**. It is possible the Board may vote on the issue that night as well. 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.

The Town Board had discussed the issue at its November 16 meeting and decided to pursue opting out of marijuana retail dispensaries and consumption lounges in the Town of Pittsford.

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.

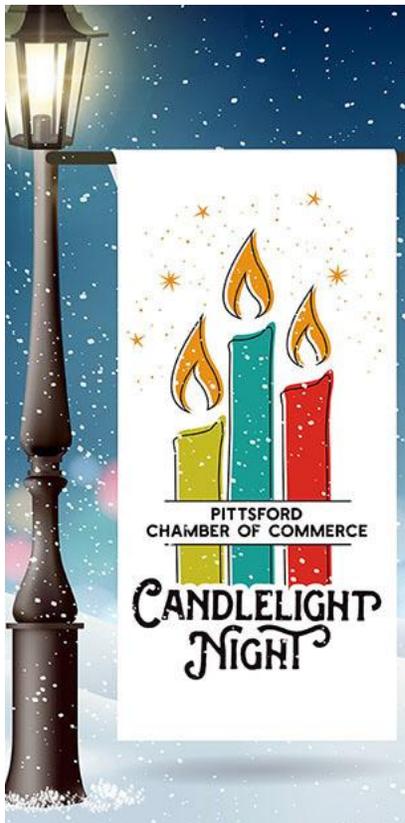
**WOMEN'S CLUB WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
VETERANS REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IS
3:00PM TUESDAY**

In honor and remembrance of our veterans, the Women's Club of Pittsford and Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 will host Pittsford's 6th annual **Wreaths Across America** ceremony at the Pittsford Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park this **Tuesday, December 7 at 3:00pm**. The ceremony will include an honor guard and a prayer of remembrance to honor all living and deceased veterans. Guest speakers

include Pittsford Village Mayor Alysa Plummer and Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith.



Two wreaths, donated by Gallea's Tropical Greenhouse, will be laid at the monument and will remain there through January 2, 2022 in recognition of those who have served and continue to serve in the US military to protect our freedoms. The remembrance closes with the playing of Taps. All are invited and encouraged to attend as a way to remember and honor our veterans during this holiday season. The Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park is located at 22 North Main Street in Pittsford Village.



**CHAMBER'S CANDLELIGHT NIGHT IS THIS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce presents the **50th anniversary [Candlelight Night](#)** this Tuesday, December 7 from 5:00-8:00pm in Pittsford Village.

South Main Street will be closed between the Four Corners (Main and State Streets) and Church Street to accommodate pedestrians and activities. A **free shuttle** will be available from Pittsford Sutherland High School (55 Sutherland Street) and Pittsford Colony Plaza (3400 Monroe Avenue) to the Village center. Village businesses will be open for the evening and **live reindeer**, horse-drawn wagon rides, tree lightings, plenty of **Santa sightings** around the Village, **Mrs. Claus**, the **Grinch**, a **Kid Zone** in Northfield Common, **food trucks** and more will make this a festive evening!

The Pittsford Community Library will offer a **children's Take & Make craft** from 5:00 – 8:00pm and feature a **[family-friendly holiday concert by Resonanz](#)** from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Enjoy heartwarming music to joyfully ring in the holiday season by this vocal ensemble of the Rochester Oratorio Society. A sing-along starts at 7:00, followed by popular, familiar holiday favorites — and even

some music from "Frozen!"

Mrs. Claus will stop by the Historic Pittsford Little House (18 Monroe Avenue, next to the Pittsford Fire Station) from 5:30 – 6:30pm to greet the kids!

The Friends of Pittsford Community Library will be holding a holiday book sale at the Library from 10:00am – 8:00pm; find details at www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.org.

Stop by the tent in front of Town Hall from 5:00 - 8:00pm for complimentary cookies!

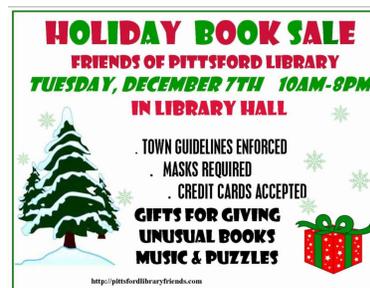
Tree lightings will take place at 5:30pm (Main and State Streets), 6:30pm (Northfield Common) and 7:00pm (Schoen Place at the Ted Collins Pavilion).

And be sure to enjoy the Ted Collins Memorial fireworks at 7:15pm.

Visit the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website at www.pittsfordchamber.org for more details as the date approaches, and look for updates on the Candlelight Night Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PittsfordCandlelightNight/.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING FOR BOOK-LOVERS: CANDLELIGHT NIGHT (AND DAY!) SALE 12/7

You can pick up some great and unusual books, puzzles, music and more at the [Friends of Pittsford Community Library](http://www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.org) Candlelight Night Book Sale at the Pittsford Community Library this Tuesday, December 7 from 10:00am - 8:00pm. You'll find hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, CDs and games at great prices for a variety of age ranges and interests. Stop by and get some holiday shopping done early! All proceeds raised from the sale will support programs and materials for our Library - so be sure to stop by if you can! The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.



CANDLELIGHT CRAWL THIS TUESDAY, 5:00PM | FOLLOW THE ROUTE IN ANY ORDER

Pittsford's 6th annual [Candlelight Crawl](#) will take place in Pittsford Village this Tuesday, December 7. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Toast the season with a "spirited" stroll through your favorite local pubs, with featured cocktails and hors d'oeuvres! The event begins at 5:00pm; participants can

follow the route in any order. Featured establishments include new and old Pittsford favorites: the Erie Grill, Pittsford Pub, JoJo's, Via Girasole, Lock 32, Label 7, Copper Leaf, Thirsty's and BluHorn Tequilaria . These great local establishments will be offering discounted specials for those who purchase a \$5 wristband; all proceeds from wristband sales benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Wristbands can be purchased at the Chamber info tent on South Main Street or at any participating location. It will be the perfect night for shopping, dining, and enjoying holiday treats under the twinkling lights!

COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING FEATURED FIRE & ICE!

Last night the Pittsford community came together to celebrate

the third night of Chanukah at the annual menorah lighting and festivities hosted by [Chabad of Pittsford](#). Held in the municipal parking lot behind the Library, the evening included a video about the history of the outdoor menorah lighting tradition, music, delicious latkes and donuts, and the menorah lighting ceremony – lighting a beautiful six foot tall ice menorah – by Rabbi Yitzi Hein. The evening concluded with an exciting fire juggling show! A wonderful evening was had by all. Chabad of Pittsford's traditional illuminated outdoor menorah is displayed at the Four Corners of Pittsford (Main and State Streets) in front of the Phoenix Building; each remaining branch will be lit in turn each night throughout Chanukah.



Blood Drive
Pittsford Library
Meeting Room
24 State Street
Pittsford, NY 14534
Friday, December 3, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, December 3 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 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.

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 or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE IS THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard and Dimitri House

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 [Dimitri House](#) this Saturday,

December 4 from 9:00am – noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street. Dimitri House serves those in need in the Rochester community by offering a range of programs including food, shelter and services for people in their



journey toward self-sufficiency.

Specific Christmas needs for this drive include sugar (all types), sprinkles, icing, frosting, baking chips (all types), corned beef hash, Bisquick, syrup, and flavored tea. **Other food items needed** are collard greens, spinach, beets, olives, lima beans, yellow waxed beans, tomato products (crushed, paste, whole or iced) , mushrooms, mandarin oranges (canned only), Spam, sardines, clams, salmon, anchovies, coffee, hot cocoa, and cereal. Cleaning supplies and cat food are also needed.

Rotarians, community volunteers and Town staff will be collecting canned and other packaged foods and toiletry items, rain or shine. Click this link for a [list of current Food Cupboard needs](#).

Volunteers working will be taking COVID-19 precautionary measures, including wearing face coverings and gloves and maintaining safe distances. The Pittsford Food Cupboard and Dimitri House 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. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue in the Village of Pittsford.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY VIDEO AVAILABLE ON DEMAND

Supervisor's remarks recognize Pittsford WWII fighter pilot Lloyd Thornell.

If you missed the Rayson-Miller Pittsford American Legion Veterans Day ceremony you can [view it on demand here](#). The ceremony includes a presentation of colors, the placement of wreaths, a rifle salute and the playing of Taps, as well as remarks from Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer. Town Supervisor Bill Smith's remarks include recognition of First Lieutenant Lloyd Thornell, a Pittsford resident and highly decorated World War II fighter pilot who carried out his duties with great skill, conviction and loyalty – and in the ultimate act of service, lost his life in doing so.



PYS COLLECTING GIFT CARD DONATIONS FOR PITTSFORD FAMILIES IN NEED THROUGH 12/17

If you would like to help a family in the Pittsford community that needs a little extra support this holiday season, please consider donating to the Pittsford Youth Services (PYS) 'Giving Tree' at the Spiegel Pittsford

Community Center and at the Pittsford Community Library. The deadline for donations is Friday, December 17. Your contribution will benefit families in the Pittsford community who are unable to afford basic items such as food, clothing, toiletries, and gifts for their families. A community service project of the PYS Youth Advisory Board, the trees feature ornaments, each with the name of a store where families can buy groceries, gifts or other items they need for the holidays. Donating a gift card can help these families enjoy the holidays. Donations are being accepted now through December 17.

Donors may take an ornament with the listed request and return it, along with the requested gift card donation, to the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Information Desk (35 Lincoln Avenue) or to the Pittsford Youth Services office at 4 South Main Street, Pittsford. PYS social workers will deliver the gift cards to the families the week

before the Christmas holiday school break. The trees are located on the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center main floor and in the hallway of the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street). If you can help make the holidays a bit brighter for our neighbors in need please consider participating.

Pittsford Youth Services provides counseling and social work services for our schools and the greater Pittsford community, and has been serving the families of Pittsford since 1969. If you would like more information about PYS programs and services, visit their website: www.pittsfordyouthservices.org or email info@pittsfordyouthservices.org.

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, 12/3, 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.
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Holiday Book Sale](#), Tuesday, 12/7, 10:00am - 8:00pm, open to the public, funds raised support programs and materials for our library; Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street.
- [Women's Club of Pittsford Wreaths Across America Veterans Remembrance Ceremony](#), Tuesday, 12/7, 3:00pm, Pittsford Veterans Monument, Carpenter Park, 22 N. Main Street; **details above**
- **Candlelight Night at the Library**, Tuesday, 12/7, featuring Take & Make craft (5:00 – 8:00pm) and family-friendly [holiday concert by Resonanz](#) (6:30 - 8:00pm), 24 State Street

- **Candlelight Night at Town Hall**, Tuesday, 12/7 - tent in front of Town Hall with complimentary cookies, 5:00 - 8:00pm
- [Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night](#), Tuesday, 12/7, 5:00-8:00pm, Village of Pittsford - holiday lights, treats, special sales, Santa and Mrs. Claus sightings, book sale, take & make craft and concert at the Library, cookies in front of Town Hall, horse-drawn wagon rides, tree lightings, and more; see info above and more info, including a complete event schedule, on the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website as the date approaches at www.pittsfordchamber.org/.
- [Candlelight Crawl](#), Tuesday, 12/7, begins 5:00pm, pub crawl for ages 21 and over, visit participating establishments in any order; purchase a \$5.00 wristband at the Chamber tent or at participating venues for discounts on food or beverages at the participating establishments: the Erie Grill, Pittsford Pub, JoJo's, Via Girasole, Lock 32, Label 7, Copper Leaf, Thirsty's and BluHorn Tequilaria. Proceeds from the sale of wristbands will benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard.
- [Pittsford Rotary "Cheers!" Online Auction](#), December 10 – 16, featuring a wide variety of award-winning wine, spirits and ciders to raise funds for the numerous community organizations the club supports; auction bidding begins December 10 at 8:00am and ends December 16 at 9:00pm. Find details at www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org.
- [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

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 12/6, 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**, Wednesday, 12/8, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, includes public hearing on whether to allow marijuana dispensaries and consumption lounges. 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

- **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, 12/11, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [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.

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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