

# News & Reviews

December 8, 2021

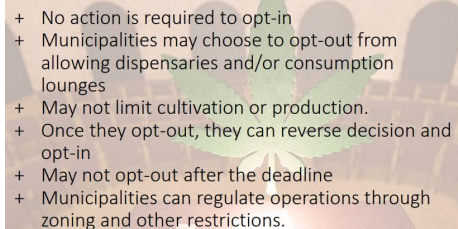
Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy  
Community

*See listings below for*

*Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## **PUBLIC HEARING TONIGHT ON MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES/CONSUMPTION LOUNGES**

Tonight (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 tonight 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Supervisor  
Saturday**  
*with Pittsford Town Supervisor*  
**Bill Smith**  
9:00 - 10:00am  
Pittsford Community Library

**Stop by and join  
the conversation!**

### **SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – DECEMBER 11**

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, December 11 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!

This casual open house will be in the Fisher Meeting Room; participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines. 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).

### **SENIORS LUNCH CLUB 60 NUTRITION PROGRAM AT COMMUNITY CENTER**

*Offered Monday, Wednesday & Friday; advance reservations required*

The Lunch Club 60 program for seniors is offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center in the VanHuysen

Community Room. The program, provided by the Monroe County Office of the Aging, includes a delicious and nutritious hot meal for seniors. Lunch is served at noon; suggested contribution is \$3.50. Bus transportation will be provided for seniors living in Pittsford who cannot drive. **We request that reservations be made two weeks in advance.** The Lunch Club 60 program also provides nutrition screenings, assessment, education and counseling to help participants meet their health and nutrition needs.



For more information, and to register, call the Town's Senior Programs Office at 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.

### **WINTER RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR RESIDENTS**

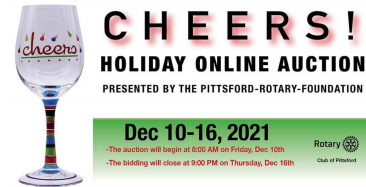
*Non-resident registration begins 12/13*



Winter program registration is currently underway for Pittsford residents. View our [Recreation Program brochure online](#) for a complete listing of programs for all ages! You can also pick up a brochure at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. [Register for programs online](#) or in person at the Community Center. Registration for non-residents begins December 13.

## PITTSFORD ROTARY “CHEERS” AUCTION DECEMBER 10 – 16

The Rotary Club of Pittsford’s online Cheers! Auction goes live this Friday, December 10, offering a wide variety of award-winning wine, spirits and ciders to raise funds for the numerous community organizations the club supports. The public is invited to register now and preview the list of items by visiting <https://pittsfordrotarydec2021.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse>.



Auction bidding begins December 10 at 8:00am and ends December 16 at 9:00pm. Winning items will be available for pickup on December 18. Find some great buys for yourself or for holiday gifts while you support a worthy cause! Find more information at [www.pittsfordrotaryclub.org](http://www.pittsfordrotaryclub.org).

## REMINDERS



### 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

## 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](http://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

- [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](http://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](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

- **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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes) - **NOTE REVISED DAY/DATE**
- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 12/8, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 12/9, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 12/9, 6:30pm, Great Embankment Park pavilion, 631 Marsh 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Planning Board**, Monday 12/13, 6:30pm, 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)
- **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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar) and find complete Zoning Update information at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://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.
- **Village Board of Trustees** meeting, Tuesday, 12/14, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- **Board of Education** meeting, Tuesday, 12/14, 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
- **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](http://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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info).

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## 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://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](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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