

# News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

### DROP OFF YOUR PUMPKINS BY NOON FRIDAY FOR THE JACK-O'-LANTERN WALK!

Festive pumpkins wanted! Our Jack-o'-Lantern Walk is this Friday, October 28 at 6:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. **Carve or paint your pumpkins and drop them off at the Community Center between Thursday, October 27 and noon on Friday, October 28. Then join us at 6:00pm on Friday** to walk the Jack-o'-Lantern Loop featuring all of the decorated pumpkins! We'll also have family friendly activities and complimentary cider and donuts. Take your pumpkin home with you at the end of the event or leave it and the Recreation staff will compost it. For more information, contact Anthony at 248-6288.





### "HOW I MET MY MONSTER" STORY STROLL UNDERWAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Take a story stroll through Amanda Noll's "How I Met My Monster" - available all this week (through Sunday, October 30) at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field. Follow shy and nervous Noah Bienstock and his best friend Lissa Gardener as the classmates and neighbors hang out together. Meet the monsters under Noah's bed that keep him giggling and shivering! This spooky and yet silly story is sure to be entertaining.

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 Saturday from 8:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am – 5:00pm.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: TOWN SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION HEARING, 2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION Our next Town Board meeting, on Tuesday, November 1 at 6:00pm, will begin with a **public hearing on a proposal to lower the speed limit** on all roads under Town jurisdiction. The proposal would lower current speeds of 30 mph down to 25 mph on all Town roads within residential neighborhoods. The meeting will also include a presentation by Town Supervisor Bill Smith on the **proposed 2023 Town Budget**. The meeting will be held in the Public Meeting Room at Town Hall (lower level) and will be live streamed as well. Information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the



meeting agenda; the meeting agenda will be posted on the Town website here <u>www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</u> at least two days prior to the meeting. Town Hall is located at 11 South Main Street.



### PTSA'S "LIGHT THE LOOP" PUMPKIN DISPLAYS RETURN THIS SATURDAY, 10/29

Another great opportunity for some Halloweenthemed fun: this Saturday, October 29 from 6:00 – 8:00pm, the Pittsford Schools PTSA will host "Light the Loop" – a district-wide **pumpkin display drivethough** at the bus loops of **all five Pittsford elementary schools**. Drive through to see pumpkin carving creations come alive, plus plenty of Halloween lights and decorations. Those interested in can register at

<u>www.cognitoforms.com/PittsfordPTSA/LightTheLoop2022</u> to contribute a carved pumpkin to the display. Monetary donations will be accepted online or at the event – all proceeds go to benefit Pittsford students. Find event details at www.pittsfordptsa.net/light-the-loop.

### SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE NOVEMBER 3: WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY Reservations required by November 1

Seniors, join us on Thursday, November 3 for a free morning movie matinee featuring *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, a classic film that is constantly entertaining and boasts a truly unique story that is "pure imagination!" Have a light breakfast, then stay afterward for pizza!

The film follows young Charlie, a poor but hopeful boy who gets the chance of a lifetime to tour the fantastical chocolate factory of the mysterious Willie Wonka. Stars Gene Wilder, Peter Ostrum and Jack Albertson all give wonderful performances.



The movie begins at 10:30am in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center; enjoy coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn while you watch. Pizza will be served after the movie.

**Register by calling the Senior Center at 248-6235; reservations are due by November 1**. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors visit the <u>Seniors page on</u> <u>the Town website</u>, read the <u>Seniors program info brochure</u> online, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



#### **BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY IS 11/4**

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive on 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 <u>online registration link</u>. 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 <u>www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass</u> 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 or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE IS NOVEMBER 10 - 12 The Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale is November 10 – 12 in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room. It will feature an array of gently used books for all ages (including hardcover and paperbacks), plus games, DVDs, and CDs – all at great prices! Hours are Thursday, 11/10 from 4:00 – 8:00pm, Friday, 11/11 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday, 11/12 from 10:00am – 4:00pm and a Bag Sale from 4:00 – 5:00pm on Saturday. The sale is open to all! Tables will be replenished throughout the sale so



everyone has a chance to find some wonderful buys. Credit cards are will be accepted. Bags will be in short supply so please bring your own . All proceeds benefit our

### Pittsford Community Library!



### SAVE THE DATE: AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS DAY CEREMONY IS NOVEMBER 11

The Town of Pittsford will join with <u>Rayson-Miller</u> <u>American Legion Post 899 on Veterans Day</u> – Friday, November 11 at 11:00am – to honor all those who serve, or have served, in our country's military forces. The ceremony will take place at the Veterans Monument

in William A. Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this moving tribute, which includes a presentation of colors, the placement of wreaths, a rifle salute and the playing of Taps.

### REMINDERS

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

On November 8 from 4:00 - 7:00pm <u>The Rotary</u> <u>Club of Pittsford</u> will continue a Pittsford tradition and host an Election Day Supper. This year they'll be serving **chicken BBQ dinners** prepared by <u>Mission BBQ</u>. 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 <u>click here</u>, 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.

### 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 <u>www.townofpittsford.org/calendar</u> for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the <u>Town Board Meeting live streaming link</u> 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 <u>minutes and agendas page</u> 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 <u>comments@townofpittsford.org</u>. 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 <u>www.townofpittsford.org/channel12</u> and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

### UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- <u>Town of Pittsford Family Halloween Fest</u>, Sunday, 10/23, 2:00-5:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, indoor and outdoor activities, event parking at Sutherland High School, 55 Sutherland Street; games, crafts, refreshments, requested donation one canned good per person, to benefit Pittsford Food Cupboard.
- "*How I Met My Monster"* Story Stroll, 10/24 30, 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.
- **Community Center Jack-o'-Lantern Walk**, Friday, 10/27, 6:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; drop off painted or carved pumpkins from Thursday, 10/26 to noon on Friday, 10/27 to be displayed, take your pumpkin home at the end of the event, more info 248-6288.
- <u>PTSA Light the Loop Pumpkin Display</u>, Saturday, 10/29, 6:00 8:00pm at all five Pittsford elementary schools Allen Creek Elementary, Jefferson Road Elementary, Mendon Center Elementary, Park Road Elementary and Thornell Road Elementary; the public is invited to drive through to view pumpkins and register to contribute a carved pumpkin to the display. Find event details at <u>www.pittsfordptsa.net/light-the-loop</u>.
- 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.
- <u>Pittsford Rotary Food Drive</u>, Saturday, 11/5, 9:00am 12noon, Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street, collecting canned and packaged food items to benefit the <u>Pittsford Food Cupboard</u>, and other local charities (click link for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.
- <u>Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library</u>, Friday, 11/4, 10:00am 3:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; <u>schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link</u> 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.
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- <u>American Legion Veterans Day Ceremony</u>, 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
- <u>Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update</u> 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 <u>www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate</u>. Comments can be made to <u>zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org</u> 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

- Design Review & Historic Preservation Board, Thursday, 10/27, 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: <a href="http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes">www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</a>
- Town Board, Tuesday, 11/1, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, agenda to include speed limit reduction public hearing and 2023 proposed Town budget presentation; 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: <a href="http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes">www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</a>
- Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting, Tuesday, 11/9, 4:00pm, 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 <u>comment/viewing info here</u>; find complete Zoning Code Update information at <u>www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate</u>. Updated meeting listings will be posted at <u>www.townofpittsford.org/calendar</u>.

### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR**

- <u>Village Board of Trustees</u> meeting, Thursday, 10/27, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website <u>here</u> as the meeting date approaches
- 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.
- <u>American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899</u> 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 <u>membership information</u> or visit the <u>Rayson-Miller Post website</u>
- <u>Pittsford Rotary Club</u>, 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
- <u>Women's Club of Pittsford</u> 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 <u>https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org</u> for more information
- <u>Pittsford Art Group</u> 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 <u>www.pittsfordartgroup.com</u> and fill out a <u>Contact Us</u> 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. The mandate remains in place for health care facilities, transportation and other related entities.

2/10/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate has 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 <u>Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub</u>.

### 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 <u>https://www2.monroecounty.gov/clerk-COVID-19</u>.

Further information and updates can be found at <u>www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info</u>.

# COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found at <u>www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info</u>.

Pittsford Central School District COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates.

You can find information on COVID-19 coronavirus at the County Health Department's website: <u>https://www.monroecounty.gov/health</u>.

Additional information about COVID-19 testing and health requirements throughout Monroe County can be found on the County's Website: <u>www.monroecounty.gov</u>

The CDC also has information on its website at <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-stop-fear.html</u>.

In addition, the CDC has information relevant to anyone planning to travel outside of the United States: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?</u> <u>deliveryName=USCDC\_2067-DM20785</u>.

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