

# News & Reviews

November 9, 2022

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## **SUPERVISOR'S 2023 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING IS TONIGHT - WEDNESDAY, 11/9**

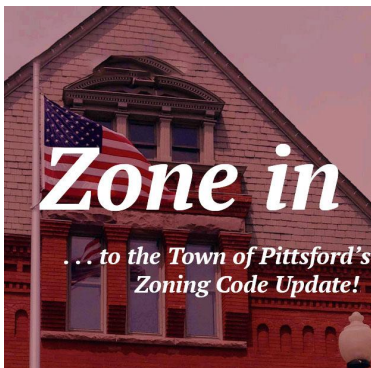
***At Supervisor's Budget keeps tax rate flat***

The public hearing for the Supervisor's proposed 2023 Town Budget is tonight - Wednesday, November 9, at the Town Board meeting, at 6:00pm at the Town Hall public meeting room (lower level). Please note this is a different day from the usual Town Board meeting schedule. Town Supervisor Bill Smith presented his 2023 Town budget the November 1 Town Board meeting. The Supervisor's budget holds the Town tax rate flat – with no increase to the tax rate. It continues funding for all of the Town's services and events.

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

**2023 Pittsford Town Budget**  
Bill Smith | Pittsford Town Supervisor

Hard copies of the proposed 2023 Town Budget and of the Supervisor's budget presentation are available at Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office and digital files are available online at [www.townofpittsford.org/budgets](http://www.townofpittsford.org/budgets).



## **ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING TODAY AT 5:00PM**

***Note day and time change***

The Pittsford Town Board conducts regular meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update; the next meeting is today (Wednesday, November 9) at 5:00pm in the lower level meeting room at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street; please note the change in day and time. The meeting is open to the public; current CDC guidelines will be followed. The meeting also will be live

streamed.

Comments for each meeting may be submitted in advance via mail or email, and may be submitted during each meeting either in person or via email. All meetings will be recorded and live-streamed via the Town website. Visit our online calendar at <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar> and click the meeting date listing for

information about how to submit comments and how to view the meetings.

A link to the Zoning Code Update draft meeting schedule for 2022 can be found on the calendar listing as well. Please note dates and times are subject to change; check <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar> for the most current updates as meeting dates near.

To learn more about the Zoning Code Update, and find links to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, visit our Zoning Code Update website at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).

### AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS DAY CEREMONY IS THIS FRIDAY, 11/11

The Town of Pittsford will join with [Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 on Veterans Day](#) – this 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. Click the link to view the Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 [2022 Veterans Day Ceremony program](#).



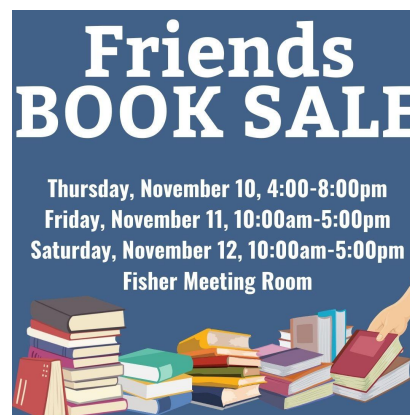
### SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR “UNPLUGGED” FUN CAMP THIS FRIDAY

Looking for something fun and exciting for your child to do this Friday (11/11) on Veteran's Day? Sign them up for a day of “Unplugged” fun with our Pittsford Recreation Fun Camp team. Held from 8:30am – 5:30pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, our Unplugged Fun Camp Day is for ages 5 – 12. Participants are grouped by age to enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor activities designed to keep them active and engaged. Registration

is available [online](#) (select Family & Youth - After School program) or register in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about all of our awesome Pittsford Recreation programs, visit the [Recreation Department page](#) on our website or click the link for a [Recreation brochure](#).

### LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE IS THIS THURSDAY - SATURDAY

The [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#) is this Thursday through Saturday, 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!



### **UPDATED CHILD WATCH PROGRAM - PANTHER PALS: FUN FOR AGES 2-5!**

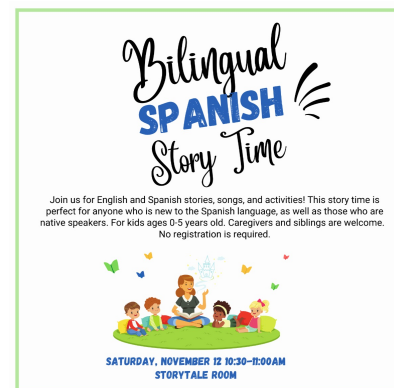
We have an exciting new update to our Child Watch program – it's now Panther Pals, with more fun and activities than ever! Panther Pals gives children ages 2-5 a chance to meet new friends and enjoy arts & crafts, dance, music and creative play along with STEM, geography, numbers and letters activities. Fun weekly

themes, gym and outdoor time, and story hour with our Pittsford Community Library staff keep our Panther Pals happy and active. We even have monthly special guest visits!

Held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, Panther Pals is offered Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Find more details and register [online](#) (select Preschool - Child Watch), or for more information contact Amanda at [apoulin@townofpittsford.org](mailto:apoulin@townofpittsford.org) or call the Community Center at 248-6280.

### **BILINGUAL SPANISH STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY THIS SATURDAY**

Join us this Saturday, November 12 at the Pittsford Community Library for English and Spanish stories, songs and activities! This story time is perfect for anyone who's new to the Spanish language, as well as those who are native speakers. Held from 10:30 - 11:00am, the program is for children ages 0 - 5 years old and will be held in the Storytale Room. Caregivers and siblings are welcome. No registration is required.



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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library).



### **A Message from Supervisor Smith:**

### **CAN YOU LEAVE SOME LEAVES DURING LEAF COLLECTION SEASON?**

The leaves are falling but the sun is shining, so it's perfect weather for leaf collection! Our crews are busy making their rounds. See when they will be in your neighborhood by using our online Leaf Collection App - find it here

<https://gis.townofpittsford.org/LeafCollection/>. To help our crew members get through each neighborhood faster and more safely, please

remember to keep brush, branches and other yard debris separate from leaves and place leaf piles at the road edge, behind the curb.

If, like me, you're looking for a sustainable way to help your lawn and our local pollinators this winter, keep some leaves in your yard. Rather than rake all of my leaves to the curb, I've left some on the lawn and mulched them with the mower – they'll break down and act as natural fertilizer. I've left some leaves in my garden beds and around trees and shrubs too. They not only protect the plants from the cold but provide the perfect shelter over the winter months for beneficial pollinating insects like bees, butterflies, moths and fireflies. It's good for the plants and pollinators and will help ensure a healthy lawn and gardens next spring!

### SEASONAL REMINDERS – WATCH FOR DEER, BE AWARE OF CHILDREN PLAYING

As the leaves fall, large leaf-piles may be found just behind our roadway curbs. Keep in mind children may find leaf-piles an irresistible opportunity for play. Jumping in piles or darting out from them could bring children near or into the roadway, either by intent or accident. Please be aware – drive slowly and be alert.



Now is a busy time for deer as well – in the fall they are on the move! Take extra care when driving, especially during the hours near dawn and dusk, when they are particularly active. And remember, deer often can be seen crossing near homes as well as near open fields. Deer crossing signs are a helpful reminder, but during this time extra vigilance is required. Should a deer cross in front of you, never swerve to avoid it – brake firmly and calmly and stay in your lane. Swerving could cause a much more serious accident. On the road, whether in neighborhoods or along open roadways, please stay alert and stay safe!



### DONATIONS NEEDED TO HELP PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS

The Pittsford Food Cupboard needs your help to provide Thanksgiving dinner items to **200 local families in need**. Thanksgiving food distribution begins **this Friday, November 11** and they need a total of **200 turkeys**, including at least 35 turkeys by this Friday, 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**. Thanksgiving items will be distributed to families beginning this Friday. 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 is open **Tuesdays and**

Fridays from 9:30am to 1:30pm and the first and third **Saturday** of the month from 9:30am – 11:30am. Turkeys and other items may be dropped off this Friday (11/11), and next week on Tuesday (11/15) and Friday (11/18). The deadline for turkey drop off is 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](http://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net) or email [pittsfordfoodcupboard@gmail.com](mailto:pittsfordfoodcupboard@gmail.com).

## REMINDERS

### COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE SEEKS STUDENT ADVISORS

The Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee, co-chaired by former Town Councilman Matthew O'Connor, is recruiting student

advisors. Those interested in applying to serve on the committee can go to [www.monroecounty.gov/des-climate-committee](http://www.monroecounty.gov/des-climate-committee) and scroll down to the student member section for eligibility requirements and details.



### SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING IS THIS FRIDAY, 11/11

Our Pittsford Recreation Department has wonderful programs for seniors - and our seniors do wonderful things for others! The Seniors Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, makes giveaway items for our Senior lunches and some for donation to local charities. Craft Club is a fun opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others. Plus, participants enjoy a light breakfast of pastries, coffee and tea, and great company!

If you or someone you know enjoys making crafts, or would like to learn how, join our seniors and get crafting! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am. **The next meeting is this Friday, November 11.** For more information, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 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, visit our Seniors page at [www.townofpittsford.org/seniors](http://www.townofpittsford.org/seniors), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

### 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 <https://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**

- [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#), Thursday, 11/10 from 4:00 – 8:00pm, Friday, 11/11 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, Saturday, 11/12 from 10:00am – 4:00pm and a Bag Sale from 4:00 – 5:00pm on Saturday; Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street. Featuring an array of gently used books, games, DVDs, and CDs for all ages - all at great prices. Sale is open to all, funds raised to support programs and materials for the Library. Bags will be in short supply – please bring your own.
- [American Legion Veterans Day Ceremony](#), 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
- [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**

- **Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting**, Wednesday, 11/9, 5:00pm, 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 [comment/viewing info here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Updated meeting listings will be posted at <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar>.
- **Town Board**, Wednesday, 11/9, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, agenda to include a public hearing on the proposed 2023 Town budget; 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)

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 11/9, 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, 11/10, 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, 11/10, 6:30pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center – Room 207, 35 Lincoln Avenue, 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, 11/14 – **MEETING CANCELED**

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Thursday, 11/10, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [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 visit [www.pittsfordartgroup.com](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) and fill out a [Contact Us](#) 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](http://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.

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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).

## 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://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](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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