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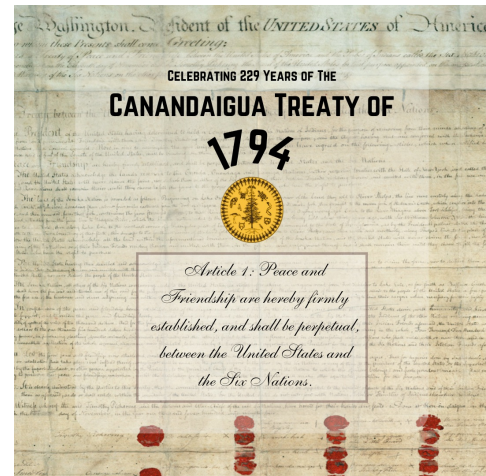
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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

COMMEMORATING THE 1794 CANANDAIGUA TREATY AND NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

November is Native American Heritage Month, and November 11 was the anniversary of the 1794 Canandaigua Treaty. Ratified by congress, this treaty of peace established a nation-to-nation relationship between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the United States. Today, 229 years later, the treaty remains recognized as a great example of early American diplomacy and an important reminder of the ways Haudenosaunee values influenced our American government.



At our November 9 Town Board meeting, Supervisor Smith shared a statement on the treaty, which you can read below.

Message from Supervisor Smith:

November is Native American Heritage Month. Pittsford and the entire region around us are located on the ancestral territory of the Onondowaga or “the people of the Great Hill” – more commonly known today as the Senecas, “the keepers of the western door.” Comprising, together with the Mohawk, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, and Tuscarora, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

Today, November 11, marks the 228th anniversary of the Treaty of Canandaigua, concluded between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the young United States in 1794.

It reminds us of the values and culture of the Haudenosaunee that influenced our American government and heritage in ways that matter to this day. It reminds us of the value of peaceable interaction, that it was this treaty that opened up our region peaceably to access to settlers from what had been until recently the English colonies east of the Appalachians. Sadly, it contrasts with the history of forcible settlement of much of the remaining portion of the continent that became the United States.

More hopefully, it reminds us that American society as it exists today owes its identity and vitality to generations from around the world, and from this immediate region, who contributed their hopes, dreams and resources to making the history that led to this moment. All the more important to recognize this as a living agreement, to live in peace and friendship.

In subsequent years the federal government tolerated violations of this treaty by the State as to rights guaranteed to the Haudenosaunee for quiet enjoyment of their land. Yet the treaty remains in place and is still actively recognized by the United States and the Six Nations. Like the George Washington Covenant Belt adopted to symbolize the Treaty by representatives of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the United States government in Canandaigua on that day in 1794, the "chain" of our friendship with the Senecas and other peoples of the Haudenosaunee should be polished regularly, to reinforce our bonds of friendship and common humanity.

To learn more about the 1794 Canandaigua Treaty and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, visit www.onondaganation.org/news/2020/the-1794-canandaigua-treaty. To learn more about the many ways Native Americans have enriched our national life and culture through their knowledge, skills, myriad accomplishments, rich ancestry and traditions, visit www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov.



WE'RE GATHERING RETIREMENT WELL WISHES FOR TOWN HISTORIAN AUDREY JOHNSON

Town and Village Historian Audrey Johnson will be retiring at the end of November. Audrey has served as a dedicated steward of the Town's historical records and has been an invaluable resource for questions related to Pittsford history, ancestry, historic buildings, genealogy and other historical facts. Should you like to show your appreciation for her 44 years of service to our community, we will be gathering cards and emails offering well wishes for Audrey. Cards or letters may be

mailed or dropped off to:

Vicki Masters Profitt, Deputy Town Historian
Spiegel Pittsford Community Center
35 Lincoln Avenue, Room 114
Pittsford, New York 14534

Emailed wishes can be sent to vprofitt@townofpittsford.org.

To ensure we can pass them along to Audrey, **please to be sure we receive your well wishes by Wednesday, November 29.**

FOOD SCRAP PILOT RECYCLING PROGRAM IS NOW FULL!

On September 18 of this year, the Town of Pittsford, through a partnership with Monroe County, launched a [Food Scraps Recycling pilot program](#). The program was offered to 500 households on a first-come, first-served basis. We are pleased to announce that the program is now full! Many thanks to those who signed up to participate. This pilot program will help Monroe County gauge interest in and develop a working model for

residential food scraps collection that potentially could be replicated throughout the County. It is supporting our sustainability efforts here in Pittsford as well.



Those participating in the pilot program are collecting their household's food scraps and organic kitchen waste and dropping it off at a collection site where the county will pick it up and take it to a local anaerobic digester to be processed. The digester – an airtight container that uses bacteria to break down organic matter – produces natural gas that generates electricity. That generated electricity runs the processor and excess electricity can be sold back to the grid. Anaerobic digesters reduce greenhouse emissions and have the potential to destroy more than 90% of disease-causing bacteria that might otherwise make it way into local watersheds.

The pilot program runs through September 2024. We're pleased to partner in this innovative program and will share updates on it's progress as we receive them from Monroe County.



TURKEYS & FOOD DONATIONS STILL NEEDED TO HELP PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS

The Pittsford Food Cupboard needs your help to provide Thanksgiving dinner items to 250 local families in need. The PFC still **needs about 100 more turkeys** by this Friday, November 17; turkeys can be dropped off at the Food Cupboard this Friday from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Some of the major local grocery stores in our area have special pricing for turkey or have coupons – you can search online for the best deals. Financial donations to the PFC also are welcome.

Other food items are being accepted up until this Saturday, November 18 but please don't wait if you

plan to give.

In addition to turkeys, the Food Cupboard especially needs these other Thanksgiving dinner items: **gravy, boxed potatoes, cream of mushroom soup, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, chicken broth and French fried onions.**

The PFC plans to give away a total of 250 turkeys with Thanksgiving meal items by November 21. Can you help PFC ensure each family in need receives a turkey for their Thanksgiving meal?

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 this Friday and Saturday, 11/17 and 18, from 9:30am to 1:30pm. 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 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 or email pittsfordfoodcupboard@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: CANDLELIGHT NIGHT IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 5-8 PM

Candlelight Night Pub Crawl begins at 5:00pm

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night is Tuesday, December 5! Join in the fun from 5:00 – 8:00pm throughout the Village of Pittsford. It's a perfect start to the holiday season! There will be **horse-drawn carriage rides**, visits with **Santa** and his reindeer, the Grinch, Mrs. Claus and more.

Kid's activities take place at the **Kid's Zone in Northfield Common**. Merchants welcome you with **treats and specials throughout the night**. Dine at one of several **food trucks or local restaurants**. South Main Street will be closed between the Four Corners (Main and State Streets) and Church Street to accommodate pedestrians and activities. Stop by **Town Hall** for complimentary treats!

The **Pittsford Community Library** will offer a **children's craft** from 5:00 – 7:30pm and a performance of holiday classics by the Ann Mitchell Jazz Trio from 6:30 – 7:30pm ([find details at the Library's online calendar](#)) and the **Friends of Pittsford Community Library** will be holding a **holiday book sale** at the Library from 10:00am – 8:00pm; find book sale details at <https://www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com/booksales/booksales> as the date approaches.

Mrs. Claus will stop by the **Historic Pittsford Little House** (18 Monroe Avenue, next to the Pittsford Fire Station) from 6:00 – 7:00pm to greet the kids and share some treats! Visitors can tour the recently restored 200-year-old Little House too.

Tree lightings will take place at 5:30pm (Main and State Streets), 6:00pm (Schoen Place at Ted Collins Pavilion) and 6:45pm (Northfield Common gazebo, across from Label 7).

And be sure to enjoy the **live music from JUMBO SHRIMP** at Northfield Common from 5:00-8:00pm.

The **Candlelight Night Pub Crawl** takes place from 5:00 - 8:00pm – see more details below.

Free shuttle service from Sutherland High School (55 Sutherland Street) and Pittsford Plaza (in front of Century Liquor, 3349 Monroe Avenue) will make your visit to Candlelight Night an easy one!

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

EVENTS THROUGHOUT VILLAGE, SCHOEN PLACE & NORTHFIELD COMMON

HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES • LIVE REINDEER
SANTA • THE GRINCH • KID'S ZONE • FOOD TRUCKS
LIVE MUSIC • MERCHANT OPEN HOUSES

FEATURING
JUMBO SHRIMP

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 5th
5:00 - 8:00 PM

PITTSFORD
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
**CANDLELIGHT
NIGHT**

LIVE TREE LIGHTINGS
Main & State St. 5:30 pm
Schoen Place Gazebo 6:00 pm
Northfield Common 6:45 pm

SHUTTLE BUSES
@Pittsford Sutherland
High School &
@ Pittsford Plaza in front
of Century Liquor

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CANDLELIGHT CRAWL IS DECEMBER 5, 5:00PM | FOLLOW THE ROUTE IN ANY ORDER

Pittsford's 8th annual Candlelight Crawl will take place in Pittsford Village on Tuesday, December 5. 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! Find details at www.pittsfordchamber.org/events/annual-candlelight-night-celebration.

PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY CONCERT SERIES PRESENT TAKE NOTE ON 11/18

The Pittsford Community Library Concert Series is pleased to present Take Note, a group of three singers and an accompanist, who will perform music from the 20th and 21st centuries this Saturday, November 18, from 2:00pm – 3:00pm. The group plays standards, country, and rock and roll.



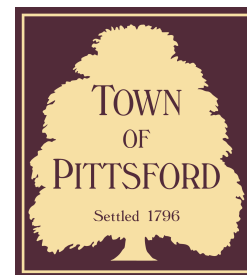
The concert will take place at the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street) in the Fisher Meeting Room.

The program is free and open to the public; registration is not required. We hope to see you there!

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

- [Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night](#), Tuesday, 12/5, 5:00-8:00pm, Village of Pittsford – holiday lights, treats, special sales, Santa and Mrs. Claus sightings; book sale, children's craft, and jazz trio at the Library; treats at 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/events/annual-candlelight-night-celebration
- **Candlelight Night at Town Hall** – stop by Town Hall for complimentary cookies, Tuesday, 12/5, 5:00 - 8:00pm, Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street
- **Candlelight Night at the Library**, Tuesday, 12/5, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street; featuring a children's craft and photo opportunity with Draper Center and Rochester City Ballet members (5:00 – 7:30pm), and a performance of holiday classics by the Ann Mitchell Jazz Trio from 6:30 – 7:30pm
- **Visit with Mrs. Claus at Historic Pittsford Little House**, Candlelight Night, Tuesday, 12/5, 6:00 – 7:00pm, Historic Pittsford Little House, 18 Monroe Avenue
- **Candlelight Night Pub Crawl**, Tuesday, 12/5, 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: BluHorn Tequilaria, Copper Leaf Brewing, Erie Grill, JoJo Bistro & Wine Bar, Label 7, Lock 32, Pittsford Pub, Thirsty's, and Via Girasole. Proceeds from the sale of wristbands will benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard
- [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 Board of Appeals**, Monday, 11/20, 7:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 11/21, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [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; 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, new members always welcome! Meetings are usually held the second Thursday of the month, September through June, at 6:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; Visit the website at <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org> for more information
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings (in person and online) 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.

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