

# News & Reviews

**January 22, 2020**

***Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community***

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***Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings***

## **HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY MR. PAUL SPIEGEL!**

Former Town Supervisor Paul Spiegel celebrated his 100th birthday this past Monday, January 20! A life-long Pittsford resident, Mr. Spiegel's family roots run deep in Pittsford - his grandfather owned a wagon shop at the Four Corners in the Village and Paul was born and raised at 6 Main Street. He proudly served our country in combat during World War II and was recognized multiple times for gallantry in action. When Paul returned home, he spent some time teaching, made his initial career in the insurance business and, fortunately for Pittsford, chose to become involved in local government.

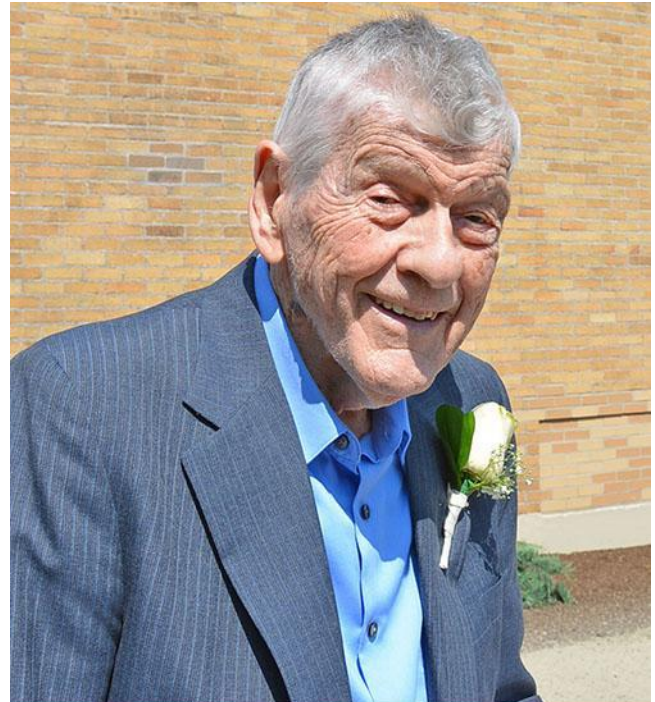
Paul served as Town Supervisor from 1966-1987, during which time he worked diligently to enhance the Pittsford community while also striving to preserve its historic character. Upon retirement he began chronicling Pittsford's history through newspaper accounts and his own photo collection and published 28 volumes of "Echoes of Old Pittsford" and a 5-volume "Pittsford Scrapbook" series of historic photos. Some volumes are still available for purchase through Historic Pittsford.

Paul's steadfast commitment to and affection for Pittsford, its residents, and its history, has been a treasured and respected constant over many decades. He is, most fittingly, the namesake of our Paul M. Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and he is one of Pittsford's most favorite sons.

To Mr. Paul Spiegel - we hope you had a wonderful birthday and we thank you with deep appreciation for your exceptional dedication and service to the Pittsford community!

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CLASS TONIGHT AT THE LIBRARY - WEDNESDAY, 1/22**

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever to be prepared for an emergency. The Pittsford Community Library will offer a **New York State Citizen Preparedness training course tonight** (Wednesday, January 22) from 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room. Attendees will learn how best to prepare for and respond to a natural or man-made disaster. The program is free and open to the public; no registration required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.



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The Library will also offer a **"Self-Defense 101" workshop this this Sunday, January 26 from 2:00 - 3:30pm** in the Fisher Meeting Room. Taught by a Tsunami Ruy karate black belt, the workshop will cover minimizing your risk, reading body language and basic hand-to-hand self-defense techniques. The instructor will also discuss how confidence can be the game changer in personal safety. The program is free and open to the public but registration is required; for more information and [to register, visit the Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481.

### **TOWN COMPOSTED NEARLY 1,000 POUNDS OF FOOD SCRAPS IN 2019**

Our new Town composting program at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center composted 970 pounds of food scraps from June to December last year. That's an average of over 160 pounds of food scraps recycled each month!

In just the first six months of an outstanding partnership with Impact Earth, we've made sure nearly 1,000 pounds of food scraps will help nourish future gardens instead of taking up space in a landfill.

We're proud to have added this program to our ongoing sustainability efforts and look forward to expanding it in 2020. For more information on composting options, visit Impact Earth's website at: [www.impactearthroc.com](http://www.impactearthroc.com).

### **PITTSFORD SENIORS COLLECT 125 COATS FOR SENIORS IN NEED**

Our caring and generous Pittsford Seniors program participants collected 125 coats during Monroe County's "Coats for Seniors" campaign this past December - a 25% increase from last year! The coats are sent to area shelters where they are distributed to those in need. Thanks to leadership from the Monroe County Office for the Aging and partnerships with several community groups and organizations - including our seniors! - the Coats for Seniors Campaign has collected and distributed over 10,000 coats over its 16 year history.

### **THURSDAY MORNING MOVIE MATINEES FOR SENIORS AT COMMUNITY CENTER**

Seniors, join us in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center for our free Thursday Morning Movie Matinee series! All movies begin at 10:00am and feature light refreshments. Our first movie is January 30 and features *On Golden Pond* - the story of a cantankerous retiree (Henry Fonda in his final acting performance) and his conciliatory wife (Katharine Hepburn) who spend their 48th summer at their idyllic New England vacation home. Upcoming movies include *Moonstruck* (February 27) and *Casablanca* (March 26).

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 HERE 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.

**VOLUNTEER BOARD PARTICIPANTS NEEDED - RESUMES ACCEPTED THROUGH JANUARY 31**



The Town of Pittsford is currently soliciting resumes from residents who wish to serve on the following Town of Pittsford volunteer boards:

- Assessment Review Board
- Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
- Environmental Advisory Board
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals

These boards assist with the various functions of Town government and in many cases make decisions affecting key issues of importance to Pittsford's success as a community.

**Selection Process:** once candidate resumes are received, they will be distributed equally among Town Board members, who will then, along with the corresponding board chair, interview interested candidates. Interview questions will be consistent among candidates and responses rated against the same criteria. The highest-rated candidates will be selected; those not selected will be notified.

Any Pittsford resident with an interest in serving on one of the above volunteer boards should **send a resume for consideration January 31** to:

Supervisor's Office, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, New York 14534 or [sreddick@townofpittsford.org](mailto:sreddick@townofpittsford.org)

**Please indicate in your submission what board would be of interest to you.** For complete information about each board's responsibilities and board member term lengths, click this link to [Town citizen volunteer board information](#) or visit the "Volunteer Boards" link under the "Government" tab on the Town website at [www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org).

#### **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING CONTINUES THROUGH JANUARY 31**

You can be green even in the winter - recycle your Christmas tree! Town of Pittsford crews will pick up trees placed curbside as long as all plastic bagging and all decorations are removed. Weather permitting, Christmas trees are picked up each year from the week after Christmas through the end of January. Christmas trees may also be dropped off at the Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue, from 7AM until dark, Monday through Saturday. All trees gathered will be chipped and reused as mulch. The mulch will be available free to residents in the spring at the East Street storage site located just before the gate to the Town Parks Department office building (enter at 34 East Street).

#### **TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY IS FEBRUARY 1 - WITH AIRIGAMI BALLOON FUN!**

Celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day" on February 1 with Airigami as they use balloons to construct a Rube Goldberg-style mousetrap to catch a mouse on the loose at the Pittsford Community Library! Join us at 2:00pm on Saturday, February 1 in the Fisher Meeting Room for this enjoyable, interactive stage show. The program is free and suitable for all ages; no registration required.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For more information about other great upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481.

#### **FAMILIES ADVOCATING FOR MUSIC EDUCATION (FAME) CABARET NIGHT IS FEBRUARY 1**

Mendon High School's FAME (Families Advocating Music Education) parent organization presents ***Cabaret 2020: That's Entertainment!*** on Saturday, February 1, from 7:00 to 10:00pm in the Mendon High School Commons. Brett Davidsen from WHEC-News10NBC will once again emcee this annual cabaret style event featuring performances by many of the school's talented vocal and instrumental ensembles, including Mendon High School's Jazz Band, Bella Voce, Viking Voices, Jazz Choir, Jazz Ensemble, and Show Choir plus special guest performers from Barker Road Middle School.

Socialize, enjoy light desserts and beverages and bid at the fabulous silent auction while enjoying these great performances. Families Advocating Music Education (FAME) sponsors this annual fundraiser each February to benefit the music and drama department at Mendon High School and students pursuing music education and performance art in college. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. For additional information and to purchase advance tickets, please contact via email [mhsfame@gmail.com](mailto:mhsfame@gmail.com).

## REMINDERS

### FREE TAX PREPARATION FOR SENIORS 2/7 - 4/3 | APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED

AARP is offering a free volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service for seniors at the Spiegel Pittsford Center that includes transmission of 2019 tax returns directly to the IRS. This quality service is available Fridays from February 7 through April 3, **by appointment only**. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Pittsford Seniors office at 248-6235.

The Town of Pittsford's Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about all of our programs, activities and services for seniors see our [Seniors Programs online information](#) or [click HERE to visit the Seniors page](#) on the Town website.

### TOWN AND COUNTY 2019 PROPERTY TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED - DUE 2/10

Pittsford residents: if your property taxes are not in escrow, you should have received your 2020 Town and County tax bill in the mail by this time. If you have not received your tax bill please do one of the following to obtain a copy of your bill:

- 1) Download and print a copy directly from the Monroe County website at [www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php](http://www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php), OR
- 2) Call the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 to have a copy of the bill emailed to you, OR
- 3) Email the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: [ldillon@townofpittsford.org](mailto:ldillon@townofpittsford.org) to receive a copy of your bill.

**The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is February 10; first installments are also accepted by or before February 10.** Please be sure to read all the instructions and information written on the back of your bill carefully. Payments may be made at Pittsford Town Hall (11 South Main Street), [online](#), or at Canandaigua National Bank (18 State Street, Pittsford). Please note there is a 3% service charge for online payments.

It is also **strongly** advised that you do NOT pay by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late. The payment stub (see page 2 of your tax bill) must accompany your payment. Please include a phone number on your check, if possible.

**Please also note:** If you are paying your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office.

### HEALTHCARE MARKETPLACE INFO SESSIONS AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY IN JANUARY; REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Open enrollment for the New York State of Health Marketplace Affordable Care Act insurance exchange runs through January 31, 2020.

For assistance in navigating through the NYS healthcare program choices, a certified application counselor will be available at the Pittsford Community Library for **one-on-one sessions** with individuals **on scheduled Thursdays in January. Advance registration is required**; call the Library Information Desk at 249-5481 to register for your individual one-on-one appointment. Sessions will be available 3:00 - 7:00pm. Additional information will be provided upon registration.

For information about other upcoming Library programs visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

### **SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2020**

In order to facilitate snow removal, Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are in effect from November 15 (this Friday) through April 1, 2020. Parking of any vehicle on public roads - including state highways and on the shoulder of all roads - is prohibited each year from November 15 through April 1 in all areas within the Town and outside of the Village. During this time, please don't park on or along public roads outside of the Village. Please note violators may be ticketed or towed.

When the snow flies, we need roadsides clear of vehicles so our plows can get through. This is especially true in neighborhoods, where the streets are narrower. Vehicles parked along the roadside can hinder plows accessing your neighborhood. Please help us keep our streets safe and accessible!

### **EMERGENCY CLOSINGS INFORMATION**

In the case of major weather events or other emergencies, information about facility closings and program/event cancellations will be announced on the Town's website [www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org), [Facebook page Town of Pittsford](#), and [Twitter feed @pittsfordtown](#), as well as on local television and radio stations and Pittsford's [Cable TV 12 Channel 1303 government access station](#). TV-12 Channel 1303 announcements can be viewed live any time via the [TV-12 Channel 1303 page on the Town website](#).

### **ASL INTERPRETER AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS**

The Town of Pittsford provides an American Sign Language interpreter at every meeting of the Pittsford Town Board, to interpret for those who need this service.

### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD**

- [Take Your Child to the Library Day, featuring Airigami](#) balloon fun, Saturday, 2/1, 2:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; free and suitable for all ages.
- [FAME Cabaret 2020: That's Entertainment!](#) - Saturday, 2/1, 7:00 - 10:00pm, Mendon High School Commons, 472 Mendon Road; annual cabaret style event featuring performances by many of the school's vocal and instrumental ensembles, funds raised benefit music and drama department at Mendon High School and students pursuing music education and performance art in college. Tickets \$6.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door; for more info and advance ticket purchases contact [mhsfame@gmail.com](mailto:mhsfame@gmail.com).
- [Sweetheart Dance](#) - girls ages 5 to 13 can dance the night away, accompanied by an adult as their guest, Friday, 2/7, 6:30-9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; advance registration required, \$17 per person, more info and [registration online](#) or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center

### **TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS**

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 1/23, 6:45pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street

- **Planning Board**, Monday 1/27, 7:30pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Monday, 1/27, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [Village Board of Trustees](#), Tuesday, 1/28, 7:00pm, Village Hall, 21 North Main Street
- [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; for [membership information](#) visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)
- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), Wednesdays (weekly), 7:00am, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Pittsford Art Group](#), first Thursday of the month, September through May (no meetings October and March), 7:00 - 9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, room 19 (lower level, elevator available), 35 Lincoln Avenue; the group strives to be a teaching organization - all are welcome! For meeting details and membership, contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

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