

# News & Reviews

January 7, 2026

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## 2026 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX BILLS – DUE 2/10

If you are not in escrow, the County has sent you your 2026 Town and County property tax bill in the mail by this time. If you haven't received it yet, please do one of the following:

- 1) Download and print a copy directly from the [Monroe County website](#)
- 2) Call the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 or email the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at [townclerk@townofpittsford.org](mailto:townclerk@townofpittsford.org), and they will email you a copy of the bill.

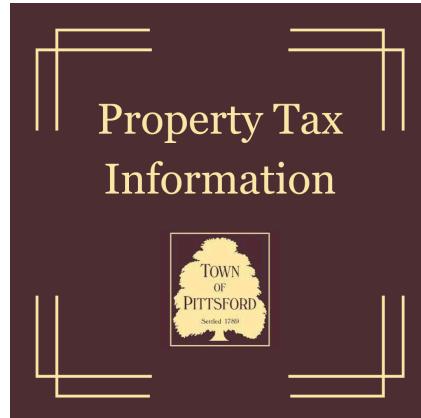
The deadline for **interest-free** Town and County property tax payment deadline is **Tuesday, February 10**. First installments will be interest-free **if paid no later than Tuesday, February 10**.

**County Tax Law** imposes interest on any payment made after February 10. **The Town has no authority whatsoever to waive or excuse payment of interest, regardless of the reason for late payment.**

Please read all the instructions and information on the back of your bill carefully. **Please include your payment coupon (page 2 of your bill) and a contact phone number with your check.** Failure to do so will increase processing time.

### How to make your payment:

- **By mail to:** Renee McQuillen, Receiver, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford NY 14534
- **In person,** Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, or through the mail slots (into locked boxes) available 24/7 at both the front and back entrances.
  - For cash payments, we ask that you bring the exact amount, and please call ahead for an appointment to ensure we have proper staffing.
- **First Installments and full payments can also be made at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village, through February 10,**



2026.

- Pay online through Monroe County by credit card or check debit. Please note that there is a 2.75% fee for credit card payments and a sliding-scale fee for check debit payments. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

As in the past, we **strongly** advise that you do NOT pay by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late. If your payment arrives late, the County Tax Law imposes interest on it, **which the Town has no authority to waive or excuse**. If you choose to pay your tax bill through your bank's online bill pay (electronic banking) system, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town, and it may take up to 2 weeks to reach the Town's 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. If the payment is received after the deadline, it will be considered late and will accrue interest and penalties.



Pictured (from left to right): Michael Arcuri, Bill Smith, Cha Ron Sattler-LeBlanc

#### OUR 2026 PITTSFORD TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Our new Town Board members were sworn in at last evening's Pittsford Town Board meeting. We welcome and congratulate new Town members Michael Arcuri and Cha Ron Sattler-LeBlanc, and we congratulate Bill Smith on his re-election as Town Supervisor.



#### PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY NAMED “BEST LIBRARY” IN CITY MAGAZINE’S BEST OF ROCHESTER POLL

We’re delighted to share that the Pittsford Community Library has been voted “**Best Library**” in [City Magazine’s Best of Rochester](#) readers’ poll! The results were announced this past Saturday evening.

This recognition reflects the incredible support of our patrons and community members. It also highlights the dedication and expertise of our outstanding librarians

and staff, whose creativity, knowledge, and friendly service make the Library such a special place.

We truly could not have achieved this honor without you – **thank you** for visiting, reading, attending programs, and helping us build a vibrant and welcoming community space.

Our Library staff looks forward to continuing to serve you with outstanding collections, engaging programs, and exceptional service. See you at the Library!

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## DOG LICENSE RENEWALS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR PITTSFORD RESIDENTS

Pittsford dog owners can now renew their dog licenses quickly and conveniently online! The new online renewal option allows residents to look up current licenses using a license number, dog name, or owner name and complete payment electronically.

Please note that this service is for **current licenses only**. If your dog's license has expired, renewal must be completed in person at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

To be eligible for online renewal, your dog's **rabies vaccination must be up to date**. Proof of vaccination may be emailed to [townclerk@townofpittsford.org](mailto:townclerk@townofpittsford.org). Once the information is updated in the Town's system, you will be able to complete the renewal online if the license is still current.

Online renewals are processed through the Quickpay payment system, which charges a small processing fee that does not go to the Town. Fees are **\$1.75 for debit/credit card transactions** and **\$2.50 for e-checks** per transaction.

After completing payment online, a notification will be sent directly to the Town Clerk's Office. Renewals are typically processed within **three business days**, and your updated license will be emailed to the address you provide during the transaction. Be sure to select "save" if you wish to keep a copy of your payment confirmation.

Please remember:

- **Online system is for renewals only**
- **New dog licenses must be issued in person** at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 11 South Main Street

Residents may access the online renewal portal at:

<https://clerk.nyquickpay.com/tpittsford.php>



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## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING UNDERWAY

It may be snowy white outside, but you can still be green this winter when you recycle your Christmas tree! Town of Pittsford crews are currently collecting Christmas trees placed curbside, provided all plastic wrapping and decorations have been removed.

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING UNDERWAY!

Trees picked up curbside, weather permitting. Please remove all plastic wrapping and decorations.



Weather permitting, tree collection takes place each year from **the week after Christmas through the end of January**.

Residents also may drop off trees at the **Town of Pittsford Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue, from 7:00am until dark, Monday through Saturday**. If you plan to arrive after 3:30pm on a weekday or on a Saturday, please call ahead at (585) 248-6270.

All collected trees are chipped and reused as mulch. Free mulch will be available to Town residents this spring at the East Street

storage bins (enter at 34 East Street), located just before the gate to the Town Parks Department office building.

Recycling your tree helps reduce waste and supports our community's sustainability efforts. Thank you so much for doing your part!

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### **“SQUIRREL’S NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION” STORY STROLL BEGINS THIS MONDAY AT THE SPIEGEL COMMUNITY CENTER**

Our next Story Stroll will take place **Monday, January 12 through Sunday, January 18** – and for the winter season, it has moved **inside** the **Spiegel Community Center**! Families are invited to enjoy a warm, leisurely indoor Story Stroll while reading *Squirrel’s New Year’s Resolution* by Pat Miller.

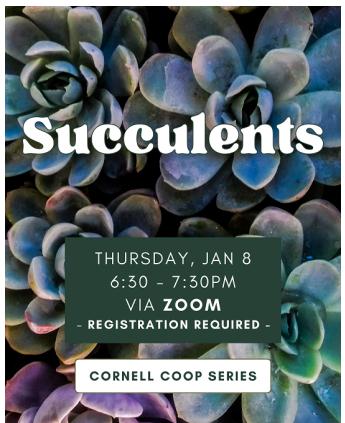
In this charming story, Squirrel decides she wants to make a New Year’s resolution but isn’t quite sure what it should be. As she visits her animal friends, she learns about their resolutions and discovers what it truly means to make a promise to yourself for the year ahead. Along the way, Squirrel realizes that kindness, helping others, and setting thoughtful goals are at the heart of meaningful resolutions. This uplifting tale is perfect for children and families as they start the new year together.

After completing your Story Stroll, stop by the **Spiegel 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**.

The Town’s Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services, [click here to visit the Town](#) of Pittsford’s Recreation page on the Town website, [email the Recreation Department here](#), or call the Spiegel Community Center at 585-248-6280.



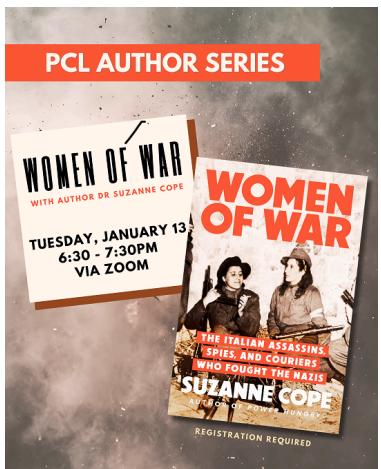
Are you starting the New Year with a resolution or two? The Pittsford Community Library has events to help launch you toward success in 2026. From music and movement to history, writing, caregiving support, and more, there's something for everyone. Register early — spots fill quickly.



Are you interested in growing thriving plants? Join us on **Thursday, January 8 at 6:30pm** for **“Succulents,”** a Zoom program on growing succulents presented by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County. Learn what these hardy plants need to flourish indoors. Registration is required; register here: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/15846149>

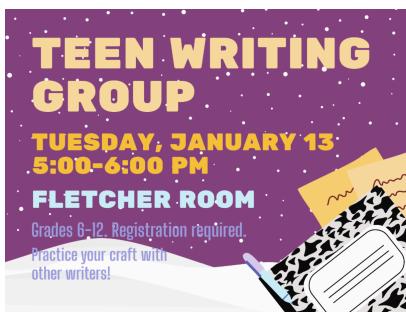
For young children and families, **Wunderville Story Time** will take place on **Saturday, January 10, at 10:30am**. Staff from Wunderville, a Reggio Emilia-inspired preschool, will lead friends ages two and up (all ages welcome) in stories, songs, and activities. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/15850989>

If you're looking to enjoy more live music in 2026, join us on **Sunday, January 11, at 2:00pm** for **“Classical Piano with Eugene Boldewskul”** in the Fisher Meeting Room. Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music to brighten your winter day. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/15850120>



History buffs will love **“Women of War”** with author Dr. Suzanne Cope, part of our PCL Author Series, offered via Zoom on **Tuesday, January 13, from 6:30–7:30pm**. Based on extensive archival research in Italy, *Women of War* tells the story of four courageous women in the Italian anti-fascist resistance during World War II. Registration is required; to register, visit: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/15850134>

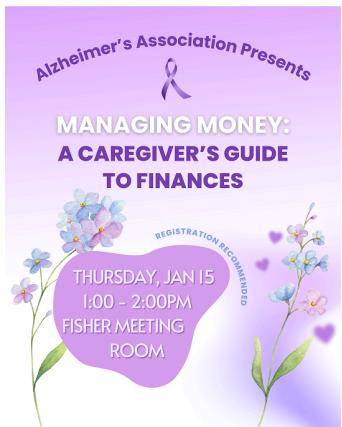
For teens seeking volunteer opportunities, our **Teen Community Service** program on **Tuesday, January 13, at 3:30pm** offers the chance to earn one hour of school community service credit while helping the Library run in tip-top shape. Registration is required; click here for more information and to register: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/15850481>



Teens in grades 7–12 interested in writing are invited to our **Teen Writing Group** on **Tuesday, January 13, at 5:00pm**. Participants can work at their own pace, use optional writing prompts for inspiration, and choose whether to share their work or keep it private. Registration is required; to register, visit: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/15850507>

A new session of **Ballet Jumpstart with Draper** Center begins on **Wednesday, January 14, at 10:00am**. Teachers from the Draper Center for Dance Education will guide children ages 3–5 in a creative movement series designed to help develop physical and social skills while encouraging

expression and creativity through dance. This is a five-class series; registration is required. To register, visit: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/15850620>



Caregivers of adults with Alzheimer's are invited to attend **"Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances"** on **Thursday, January 15 at 1:00pm** in the Fisher Meeting Room. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association, this program provides guidance on financial considerations and helpful strategies for caregivers. To register, visit: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/15846537>

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, sign up for the [Library's weekly eNewsletter](#), visit the [Library's online program calendar](#), or call (585) 248-6275.

For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit [www.townofpittsford.org/library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library).

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## FREE AARP TAX PREPARATION APPOINTMENTS FOR SENIORS

Free tax preparation assistance will once again be available to Pittsford seniors this tax season, provided by trained AARP Tax-Aide volunteers.

Beginning **Monday, January 12**, seniors may call the **Pittsford Seniors Office at (585) 248-6235** to schedule an appointment. Appointments are required.

AARP tax preparers will be on site at the **Spiegel Community Center** on **Fridays from February 6 through March 27** to assist with 2026 tax filings. Trained volunteers will help eligible seniors prepare and file their returns at no cost.

This popular program fills quickly, so early scheduling is encouraged.

When you call to make your appointment, the staff can provide information about the documents to bring with you.

If you have questions or would like to schedule, please call **(585) 248-6235**.

The Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities, and services for seniors, visit the [Seniors page](#) on the Town website, read the [Seniors program](#) info brochure online, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



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## TECH HELP FOR SENIORS

Need a hand with your phone, tablet, or laptop? Seniors are invited to drop in for **Tech Help for Seniors** on the **last Friday of every month from 3:00–4:00pm** in **Room 208 at the Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue**.



Friendly students from the **Pittsford Robotics team** will be on hand to offer one-on-one assistance with everyday technology questions. Bring your device and your questions about email, apps, photos, texting, or basic setup.

These talented students are designers, builders, and coders who spend countless hours working with advanced technology as members of their robotics team — they probably know more about tech than anyone else! Even better, they are eager to share their knowledge and help seniors feel more confident using today's devices.

This program is free and open to seniors. Please bring your device, charging cord, and any passwords you need to access your account.

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### STAY INFORMED: EMERGENCY ALERT OPTIONS FOR PITTSFORD RESIDENTS

Pittsford residents have access to several reliable emergency alert systems that provide timely notifications about severe weather, public safety concerns, evacuations, missing persons, and more. Below is an overview of the major emergency notification options available to our community and how to sign up.



#### MonroeAlert Emergency Notifications

Localized emergency alerts are available through the [MonroeAlert Emergency Notification system](#). This enhanced alerting platform replaces the County's former Hyper-Reach service. *If you were enrolled in Hyper-Reach, you must re-register to continue receiving alerts.*

MonroeAlert delivers official messages directly from **Monroe County 9-1-1** and the **Office of Emergency Management** via text message, phone call, or mobile app notification. Alerts may include:

- Law enforcement or public safety activity
- Severe weather or emergency situations
- Shelter-in-place or evacuation instructions
- Major public safety threats

You may choose the types of alerts you want to receive.

To learn more or register, visit: [www.monroecounty.gov/MonroeAlert](http://www.monroecounty.gov/MonroeAlert)

## New York State NY-Alert Mass Notification System

In addition, New York State offers its [NY-Alert mass notification system](#). After creating an account, users can customize the alerts they receive and the way they receive them, including phone, text, email, or fax.

**NY-Alert** notifications may include:

- Severe weather warnings
- Major road closures or traffic incidents
- Hazardous material spills
- Public health and safety advisories
- AMBER and missing child alerts
- Consumer protection alerts
- Sex offender relocation notifications

Sign up at: [www.alert.ny.gov/sign-ny-alert-0](http://www.alert.ny.gov/sign-ny-alert-0)

## Additional Ways to Receive Emergency Information

Along with MonroeAlert and NY-Alert, residents are encouraged to use these complementary alert tools:

- **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)** – Built into most smartphones; automatically delivers critical federal, state, and local alerts such as tornado warnings, imminent threats, and AMBER Alerts. Check your phone settings to ensure alerts are enabled.
- **NOAA Weather Radio** – Provides continuous weather broadcasts and emergency information, even during power or internet outages.
- **FEMA App** – Offers real-time weather alerts, preparedness tips, and disaster resources.
- **Local TV, radio, and trusted news outlets** – Remain important sources for updates during fast-moving situations.

For additional details, visit our [Emergency Alert Notifications](#) page on the Town website.



## SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE JANUARY 15: *CATCH ME IF YOU CAN* *Reservations required by Monday, January 12*

Seniors, join us on **Thursday, January 15** for a free morning movie matinee featuring *Catch Me If You Can* – the hit 2002 crime drama starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks and directed by Steven Spielberg! Enjoy a complimentary selection of coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn while you watch the film, then stay afterward for a lunch of pizza, salad and dessert if you'd like.

The movie begins at **10:30am** in the **VanHuysen Community Room** at the **Spiegel Community Center**. The movie and snacks are free; the optional lunch costs

**\$6.00 per person.** So that we can plan accordingly, please register for the movie and for the optional lunch by **January 12** by calling **(585) 248-6235**.

*Catch Me If You Can* follows the unbelievable true story of Frank Abagnale, Jr., who poses as a doctor, lawyer, and airline pilot – all before turning 18. A brilliant forger and master of deception, Frank becomes the most successful bank robber in U.S. history. FBI agent Carl Hanratty makes it his mission to track Frank down and bring him to justice ... but Frank always stays one step ahead.

The Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities, and services for seniors, visit the [Seniors page](#) on the Town website, read the [Seniors program](#) info brochure online, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

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## **TOWN OF PITTSFORD WINTER BUCKET LIST – EMBRACE THE SEASON!**

Winter in Pittsford is officially here, and instead of just enduring the cold, we're inviting everyone to **embrace the season** with our **Town of Pittsford Winter Bucket List!** Inspired by Scandinavian "wintering well" traditions, our bucket list encourages you to get outside, enjoy cozy indoor activities, and discover the simple joys this time of year offers. Studies consistently show that **leaning into winter rather than resisting it**, by getting fresh air, staying socially connected, and trying new hobbies, can boost mood and support better mental health all season long.



Just like our friends in Norway, Sweden and Finland, we can adopt the mindset that winter is not something to get through, but something to **celebrate** with snow, hot chocolate, good books, and community fun.

Our Winter Bucket List is filled with ideas for all ages, including:

- Go ice skating
- Go sledding
- Take a winter hike
- Build a snowman
- Make snowcream
- Learn to knit or crochet
- Do a puzzle
- Attend a concert, dance, or art exhibit
- Curl up and read a book
- Have a game night

We've also highlighted plenty of **local options to help you get started**:

- Popular nearby sledding hills, including Sutherland High School, Thornell Farm Park, Powder Mills Park and Mendon Ponds Park
- Pittsford trails and walkways you can explore on your own or through **Guided Hikes offered by the Recreation Department**
- Winter Story Stroll inside the Spiegel Community Center
- Crafting programs, knitting, and crocheting workshops available through the **Pittsford Community Library**
- Special Recreation programs such as the **Sweetheart Dance on February 6**

You can **download the Winter Bucket List printable** and check off activities as you go here: [www.townofpittsford.org/sites/default/files/2026-Winter-Bucket-List.pdf](http://www.townofpittsford.org/sites/default/files/2026-Winter-Bucket-List.pdf)

Whether you choose to bundle up for a snowy adventure or stay cozy indoors with a new hobby, our Winter Bucket List is a great reminder that there are **many ways to find light in the darker months**. Try a few activities on the list – or try them all!

Let's make this winter a season to enjoy — **get outside, stay active, connect with others, and embrace the magic of winter in Pittsford!**

#### UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- **“Squirrel’s New Year’s Resolution” Story Stroll**, 1/12–1/18, now indoors at the Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the stroll to pick up a themed craft pack to take home; free and open to the public.

#### TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 1/8, 6:00pm, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, Thursday, 1/8, 6:30pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center – Room 207, 35 Lincoln Avenue; 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, 1/12, 6:30pm, Town Hall, Public Meeting Room (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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 1/14, 6:00pm, Fletcher Steele Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street; 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)

#### COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meetings are generally the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm, Village Hall, 21 North Main Street; 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, 8:00-9:30am (kitchen closes at 9:15am), 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 Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; Visit the website at [www.womensclubofpittsford.org](http://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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

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