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January 14, 2026

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JOINT PUBLIC HEARING TOMORROW ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PITTSFORD PARCELS TO EAST ROCHESTER

At the request of the Village of East Rochester, a joint public hearing will be held **tomorrow, Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 6:00pm** at **East Rochester Village Hall, 317 Main Street, East Rochester**, to consider a petition to annex five tax parcels of land from the Town of Pittsford to the Village of East Rochester. The hearing will be conducted jointly by the **Pittsford Town Board** and the **East Rochester Village Board**.



The purpose of the request is to facilitate a redevelopment of a portion of Linden Avenue to move operations of the Northside Salvage Yard away from the street.

The total area proposed for annexation is approximately 2.3 acres. At its January 7, 2026, meeting, the Pittsford Town Board approved setting the date for the joint hearing after receiving the petition from the Town/Village of East Rochester. The resolution passed unanimously.

Residents are invited to attend the hearing and to offer comments on the proposed annexation.

The Town Board meeting will stream live through East Rochester's cable access station's streaming portal. Please use the following link: <https://bit.ly/4qMVwNc>

You can watch on any computer, tablet, smartphone, or web-capable TV. If you log in before the meeting starts and see an error message, refresh your screen at 6:00 pm, when the board meeting begins. You can then view the meeting live as it happens.

- Additional background materials related to the petition are available online in this week's Town Board Agenda packet.
- Petition for annexation of territory
- Description of the lands to be annexed (Exhibit A)

- Survey showing area to be annexed (Exhibit B)
- Assessor's certification Letter of support (Exhibit C)
- Letter of Support from Village of East Rochester Town Board (Exhibit D)
- Northside Salvage Yard, Inc. articles of incorporation, by-laws, and certificate (Exhibit E)
- Norsthsal Holdings LLC articles of organization and operating agreement (Exhibit F)

View the complete agenda packet online:

https://www.townofpittsford.org/sites/default/files/minutes/townboard/agenda_current.pdf



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, 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.** Therefore, by law, the Town is not permitted to do so.

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.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR A REFUSE DISTRICT

January 1 through April 30 is the **annual enrollment period** for residents interested in establishing a refuse district that will begin on January 1 of 2027. A refuse district is a designated area where a single refuse collector provides weekly trash and recycling service to all households, with costs billed as a special district charge on the annual Town tax bill.

REFUSE DISTRICTS ARE CATCHING ON



Enrollment for service beginning in 2027 is underway now through April 30

Find out more at:
www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts



Key Details

- Districts are typically composed of adjacent streets; a formal neighborhood association is not required
- District boundaries are determined entirely by residents
- Homeowners representing at least 50% of the aggregate assessed value of properties in the proposed district must sign a notarized petition
- The Town provides petition forms, notarization assistance, and guidance throughout the process

How the Process Works

- Petitions must be submitted to the Town by **April 30**
- The Town competitively bids refuse collection services and awards contracts to the lowest responsible bidder
- Residents are notified of the annual cost per household before a district is finalized
- Proposed districts move forward to a public hearing and Town Board vote before adoption

Residents interested in forming a refuse district should begin by speaking with neighbors to define district boundaries. To get started, please visit the "[How to form a refuse district for your neighborhood page](#)" on the Town website, and then contact **Maureen Nix** in the Town Department of Public Works at **(585) 248-6253**. Maps of current and adopted refuse districts, along with additional information, are available at www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts.

SWEETHEART DANCE RETURNS FEBRUARY 6 WITH A SOCK HOP TWIST

The Pittsford Recreation Department's annual **Sweetheart Dance** is back — and this year we're throwing it back to the **1950s with a fun sock hop theme!**



The dance will take place **Friday, February 6, 2026, from 6:30–9:00pm** at the **Spiegel Community Center**.

Children **ages 5–13**, accompanied by an adult, are invited to dance the night away at this memorable evening filled with music, refreshments, and plenty of fun. A DJ will keep the party going with lively tunes and activities, and guests are encouraged to dress in their favorite sock hop–inspired attire for this special night.

The cost is **\$20 per person**. **Advance registration is required**, and space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Register online at <https://bit.ly/3LeDbJL> or stop by the Spiegel Community Center to register in person.

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.

STAY ACTIVE, STAY STRONG: SENIOR FITNESS & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Regular exercise is vital for older adults to maintain strength, balance, flexibility, and independence. Physical activity also supports heart health, reduces fall risk, and promotes mental well-being. The Town of Pittsford offers a wide range of senior fitness and wellness classes at the Pittsford Community Center, with options for all ability levels.

Gentle & Mind-Body Fitness

Seniors can enjoy low-impact, mindful movement in **Senior Yoga with Donna**

Kawczynski (Mondays & Fridays, 9:00–9:50am, Room 113), which focuses on flexibility, strength, breathing, and relaxation. **Get Fit and Stress Less with Donna Evevsky** (Wednesdays, 1:15–2:15pm, Room 113) combines light cardio with stress management, while **Guided Stretch with Susan Allen** (Thursdays, 10:00–10:45am, Room 218) helps release tension and improve flexibility.

Balance, Strength & Fall Prevention

Improving balance and mobility is key to staying active and preventing falls. **Arthritis Senior Fitness with Pat Rose** (Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:15–11:15am, Room 113) offers low-impact seated or standing exercises. A **Free Online Balance Class with Dr. Ron Wood** is held on the first three Mondays of the month from 12:45–1:30pm, and **Balance Class with Alyssa Ziolk** meets Tuesdays from 10:30–11:15am in Room 216.

Fun, Movement & Energy





Pittsford Recreation

SENIOR EXERCISE PROGRAMS

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MIND-BODY FITNESS	ARTHRITIS AND FALL PREVENTION
ARTHRITIS SENIOR FITNESS	GET FIT AND STRESS LESS
BALANCE CLASS	GUIDED STRETCH
FREE BALANCE CLASS ONLINE	HIIT CLASS
ZUMBA GOLD	SQUARE DANCING



For upbeat options, **Nia: Mind-Body-Spirit Fitness with Rhonda Wright** (Mondays, 9:30–10:30am, Room 218) combines expressive movement and music to build strength and improve mobility. **Zumba Gold** (Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00–9:45am, Room 218) offers a fun, beginner-friendly, dance-based workout.

Tai Chi for Health

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention with Donna Evevsky meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 218, with advanced classes from 1:00–2:00pm and beginner classes from 2:00–2:30pm. This evidence-based program improves balance, coordination, and joint health.

All classes are ongoing, free to Pittsford Residents, and just \$3.00 for all others. If this is your first time attending any exercise class, please stop by the Pittsford Senior Programming office, located in the Spiegel Community Center, for initial registration.

The Town's Spiegel 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 the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 1/16

The Pittsford Recreation Department offers a wide variety of engaging programs for seniors, and our Seniors Craft Club is a perfect example of creativity with a purpose! Held at the Spiegel Community Center, this welcoming group creates handmade items for Senior lunch giveaways and local charitable organizations, blending artistry, friendship, and community service.

Craft Club is a great opportunity to tap into your creative side, learn new techniques, connect with fellow seniors, and give back. The group meets once a month on Fridays from **9:30 to 11:30am**,

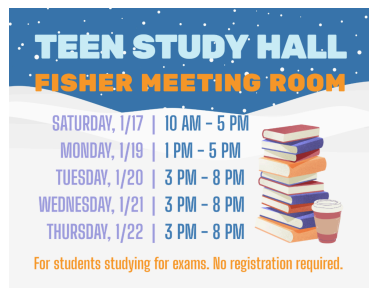
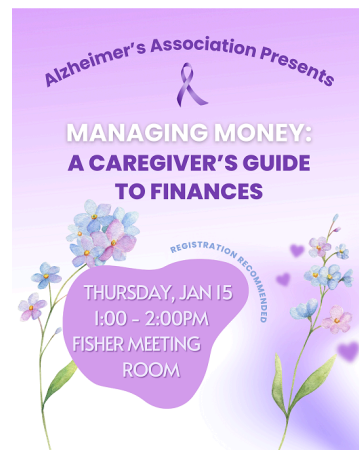
and the next meeting takes place **this Friday, January 16**. Reservations are required so we can plan supplies accordingly. Future Craft Club dates are February 13 and March 13. To reserve your spot, please call **248-6235**.

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JANUARY BRINGS A FULL SLATE OF PROGRAMS TO THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

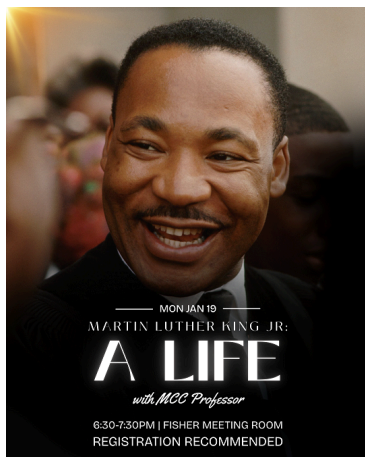
Looking for meaningful ways to learn, connect, and be inspired this January? The **Pittsford Community Library** has a full lineup of programs for all ages — from caregiver support and student study sessions to music, history, and film. **Registration is recommended for many programs**, so be sure to sign up early where noted.

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 evidence-based program helps caregivers understand the costs of caregiving and the benefits of early planning, learn how to start conversations about finances, assess legal and financial needs, avoid fraud and financial abuse, and find support when needed. Registration is recommended; register here: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/15846537>.



Students preparing for Regents Exams are encouraged to take advantage of the Library's **Exam Study Halls** in the **Fisher Meeting Room**. Join friends and classmates for focused study time. Study halls will be available Saturday, January 17, from 10:00am–5:00pm; Monday, January 19, from 1:00–5:00pm; Tuesday, January 20, from 3:00–8:00pm; Wednesday, January 21 from 3:00pm – 8:00pm; and Thursday, January 22 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. Drop in for an hour or stay all day; no registration required.

Young musicians and their caregivers are invited to **Every Day You Play – Introducing Contemporary Music to Young Audiences** on **Sunday, January 18, at 2:00pm**. This interactive program explores contemporary classical music through audience-involved improvisation and Andrea Clearfield's "Three Pieces for Violin and Double Bass After Poems by Pablo Neruda." No prior music experience is required; the program is geared toward children, but all ages are welcome. Registration is recommended; register here: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/15844921>.



On **Monday, January 19, Martin Luther King Day**, MCC history professor Mark Sample will take participants on a journey through Dr. Martin Luther King's life, uncovering rare facts and offering insights into his motivations, relationships, and the times in which he lived. Registration is recommended; register here: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/15847150>.

Teens in grades 6–12 can fulfill community service requirements at the Library by joining Librarian Laura on **Wednesday, January 21**, for hands-on projects, such as organizing and decorating, that help PCL shine. Registration is required; register here: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/15847150>.

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

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!**

PREPARED, CONFIDENT & SAFE: YOUTH SAFETY CLASSES WITH EPIC TRAININGS

Pittsford Recreation is offering a series of valuable youth safety classes this January, presented by EPIC Trainings. Designed to build confidence, responsibility, and real-world safety skills, these classes are ideal for children and teens beginning to take on greater independence.

[First Aid for Kids](#) will be held this **Saturday, January 17**, from **10:00 to 11:30am** at the **Spiegel Community Center, Room 204**. Open to ages 8–14,

this hands-on class teaches how to respond to common first-aid emergencies, including bleeding control, choking, burns, sprains, fractures, and heat and cold emergencies. Participants will also learn about medical conditions such as food allergies, diabetes, seizures, and asthma. This course helps meet requirements for many Boy and Girl Scout badges.

EPIC TRAININGS through Pittsford Recreation	
First Aid for Kids Saturday, January 17 10:00am - 11:30am Spiegel Community Center Room 204	
Home Alone Safety Monday, January 19 9:00am - 10:30pm Spiegel Community Center Room 204	
Babysitter Training Monday, January 19 11:00am - 4:00pm Spiegel Community Center Room 204	

[Home Alone Safety](#) takes place on **Monday, January 19**, from **9:00 to 10:30am** at the **Spiegel Community Center, Room 204**. Designed for children ages 7–12, this class focuses on responsible behavior when home alone and covers basic first aid, stranger awareness, phone and internet safety, and how to respond to emergencies such as power outages and fires.

[Babysitters Training](#) will be offered **Monday, January 19**, from **11:00am to 4:00pm** at the Spiegel Community Center, Room 204. This comprehensive five-hour class is for boys and girls ages 11–15 and covers the roles and responsibilities of a babysitter, including accident prevention, first aid, and choking response. Instruction includes discussion, lecture, and an interactive video presentation. Each participant receives a workbook and a certification card upon completion. Students should bring a bagged lunch and a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE).

THINK CONSERVATION – AND SPRING! – MONROE COUNTY TREE & SHRUB PRE-ORDER PROGRAM

Orders accepted through March 6

Winter may still be with us, but now is the perfect time to plan for spring planting while supporting local conservation efforts. The 2026 Conservation Tree & Shrub Program, offered by the [Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District](#), is now open for ordering and provides an easy, affordable way to enhance your property and help protect our natural environment.



This annual pre-order program allows landowners to purchase native or naturalized tree and shrub seedlings for New York State. Orders are accepted each winter, with distribution taking place in April. Each year, the District introduces new species and offers a wide selection of evergreens, hardwood trees, shrubs, wildflowers, seed mixes, conservation packs, and enhancement items designed to support wildlife habitat and environmental health.

Planting trees and shrubs is one of the most effective ways individuals can make a positive environmental impact. Trees filter air and water pollutants, reduce stormwater runoff, stabilize soil to prevent erosion, provide habitat and food for wildlife, and offer shade, privacy, and seasonal beauty. They can also reduce energy use by cooling homes in summer and blocking cold winds in winter while adding long-term value to your property.

Ordering details:

- **Order deadline: Thursday, March 6, at 4:00pm.**
- **Pick-up dates: April 23 and 24, from 9:00am to 5:00pm**
- **Pick-up location: Monroe County ecopark, 10 Avion Drive, Rochester, NY 14624**
- **Overstock sale: Saturday, April 25, from 9:00–11:00am (or until sold out), at the ecopark**

Orders may be placed online, by email, or via USPS. A [fillable order form](#), [full catalog](#), and [online store](#) are available through the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District. Those experiencing technical issues with the online store are encouraged to complete the order form and submit it by email.

Find complete information about the Conservation Tree & Shrub program here:

<https://monroecountyswcd.org/tree-shrub-program/>

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.
- **Sweetheart Dance (Sock Hop Theme)**, Children ages 5–13, accompanied by an adult, can dance the night away at this fun, 1950s-style sock hop, Friday, 2/6, 6:30–9:00pm, Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; music, DJ and activities; advance registration required, \$20 per person; register online at www.townofpittsford.org

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **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
- **Joint Public Hearing** – to consider a petition to annex five tax parcels of land from the Town of Pittsford to the Town/Village of East Rochester, conducted jointly by the Pittsford Town Board and the Village/Town of East Rochester Board, Thursday, 1/15, 6:00–7:00pm; this meeting can also be viewed on the Town of East Rochester Board’s [live stream](#); information about the proposal is available in the December 23 [Pittsford Town Board Agenda Packet](#).
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 1/19, 6:30pm, 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, 1/20, 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

- [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 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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