

News & Reviews

**February 11,
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Town of Pittsford
**Public Hearing on
Improved Senior Property
Tax Exemptions**

**Tuesday, February 24
6:00pm**
Town Hall Public Meeting Room
(lower level)
11 South Main Street

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proposed law → 

TOWN BOARD SETS PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPROVED SENIOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

The Town of Pittsford Town Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:00pm** to consider the proposed adoption of **Local Law No. 1 of 2026**, which would amend the Town Code regarding the **partial real estate tax exemption for qualified senior citizens with limited incomes**.

The hearing will take place at **Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street**.

The proposed local law would adjust the income brackets used to determine

senior property tax exemptions, allowing **higher exemption percentages for seniors with lower incomes**, as permitted under New York State law. All other aspects of the existing graduated exemption scale would remain unchanged.

The full text of the proposed law is available for review in the **Town Clerk's Office** and on the Town's website at <https://bit.ly/4qp3HP7>. The public hearing was authorized by resolution of the Town Board on **February 3, 2026**.

Residents are encouraged to attend the hearing or share comments.

What this means for seniors

If adopted, the proposed law would:

- Increase the **maximum exemption to 65%** for seniors with incomes **under \$47,000**
- Provide a **60% exemption** for incomes between **\$47,000–\$47,999.99**
- Provide a **55% exemption** for incomes between **\$48,000–\$48,999.99**
- Limit the **50% exemption** to incomes between **\$49,000–\$49,999.99**
- Keep all other income brackets and exemption levels the same

These income thresholds and exemption levels are the **highest allowed under New York State law.**

TOWN SUPERVISOR SIGNS CONTRACTS FOR 2026 SUMMER CONCERTS AND FESTIVALS

Summer in Pittsford is about to sound even better. Supervisor Smith has signed contracts securing musical entertainment for the Town's **2026 summer festivals, concert series, and kids' concerts**, ensuring a full season of live music for residents of all ages.

From high-energy funk and classic rock to jazz, brass, folk, and family-friendly performances, this year's lineup features a mix of local favorites, regional standouts, and returning crowd-pleasers. Live music will be featured at signature events, including **Paddle & Pour**, the **Memorial Day Parade**, the **Summer Concert Series**, **Summer Concerts for Kids**, **Concerts at Copper Beech**, and the **Main Street Food Truck & Music Fest**.



Among the highlights:

- #1 Billboard Charting Smooth Saxophonist **Judah Sealy** will perform on **Friday, June 19**
- **Prime Time Funk**, **Hey Mabel**, and **Atlas** will bring big energy to Paddle & Pour
- The **Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra**, **The Petty Project**, and **A Girl Named Genny** headline the Summer Concert Series
- **John Dady and John Ryan** and **The Happy Pirates** return with interactive fun for younger audiences
- **Miller and the Other Sinners** and **The Funkensteins** will close out the season at the Main Street Food Truck & Music Fest

Local ensembles, including student jazz groups and community bands, will also be featured throughout the season, reinforcing the Town's commitment to supporting both professional and community musicians.

Keep an eye out! Dates, times, and locations for each concert and event will be shared in upcoming eNews issues and on the Town's website. Residents are encouraged to mark their calendars and plan to enjoy a summer filled with live music, community gatherings, and outdoor fun in Pittsford.



AMERICAN HEART MONTH: THE LIFE-SAVING IMPORTANCE OF CPR

Every February, American Heart Month reminds us why heart health matters and why knowing **CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)** can make all the difference in a cardiac emergency.

Sudden cardiac arrest can strike anywhere, and it can affect anyone. Acting

quickly with CPR can **double or even triple a person's chance of surviving** until professional help arrives. CPR keeps blood flowing to the brain and vital organs when the heart stops, buying precious time until emergency responders take over. [Read how CPR saved the life](#) of Town of Pittsford Highway Department employee Kathleen Leonard.

CPR classes give hands-on practice in:

- Recognizing cardiac emergencies and responding swiftly.
- Performing chest compressions and, in some courses, rescue breaths.
- Using an **AED (automated external defibrillator)** — a device that can restore a normal heartbeat in some cardiac arrest cases.
- Helping adults, children, and infants in distress.

Learning **hands-only CPR**, which focuses on chest compressions, is a great starting point for anyone, even if you're nervous about rescue breathing. Immediate action can be lifesaving.

Here are trusted local organizations offering CPR and first-aid training for all skill levels:

- [Code One CPR Training](#) – Provides American Heart Association–aligned CPR courses including Heartsaver, BLS (Basic Life Support), and more.
- [Cardiac Life](#) – Offers CPR/AED training at its East Rochester location or on-site for groups.
- [Ready to Respond](#) – Health and safety training provider with CPR, AED, and first-aid classes.
- [CPR of America - Rochester Classes](#) – Offers American Heart Association CPR, ACLS, and renewal trainings.
- [Upstate NY Life Support Training](#) – AHA BLS and CPR courses for healthcare professionals and the public.
- [American Red Cross](#) – Local chapter offering Red Cross-certified CPR and AED training.
- [Environmental Occupational Training](#) – Offers CPR and first-aid courses often linked with workplace training requirements.

(These organizations offer a range of classes for beginners, healthcare providers, and workplace certifications; check their websites or call for schedules.)

Whether you want to become certified or simply gain confidence to help in an emergency, CPR training is a meaningful way to contribute to a safer community.

SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 2/13

Our Pittsford Recreation Department offers wonderful programs for seniors, and our seniors do wonderful things for others! The seniors in Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Community Center, create items for our Senior lunch giveaways and local charities.

Craft Club is a wonderful opportunity to be creative, make friends, and do something positive for others.

If you or someone you know enjoys crafting or would like to learn something new, join our seniors this winter! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30am. **The next meeting is this Friday, February 13.** To get an idea of how many supplies we need, **reservations for Craft Club are required**; call 248-6235 to reserve your spot!



For more information, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Spiegel Community Center or call 248-6235. The Town's Spiegel 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, read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

The image shows the logo for 'PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY' in a blue box. Below the logo is the text 'Upcoming Events & Programs at the Library!' in a blue, cursive font. At the bottom of the image is a green box with white text: 'For a complete schedule of programs & events at the Pittsford Community Library, please visit the Library's online calendar! https://calendar.libraryweb.org/calendar/Pittsford/'

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Pittsford Community Library continues to offer an engaging mix of educational, cultural, and community-centered programs for residents of all ages this February.

Celebrate Black History Month with the Pittsford Community Library by attending our program [Flight to Freedom: Rochester's Underground Railroad](#). Learn about Rochester's stance on slavery and hear about houses that were on the path to freedom. Both adults and teens are invited to attend.

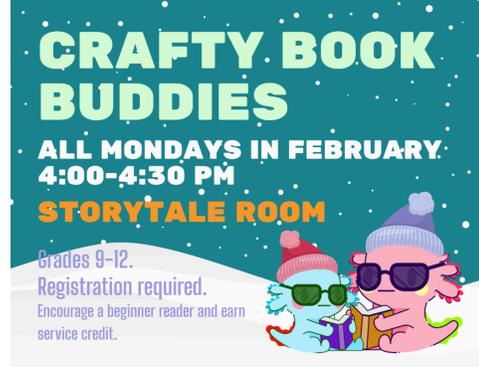
Join the Zoom program [10 Ways to Combat Climate Change](#) to learn about small changes that can make a big difference for the environment.

If collections are your interest, join clock collector Garth Brokaw as he displays 70 of his most prized pieces and discusses their history in [Timepiece Tales](#). A not-to-miss event for the horologist in your life.



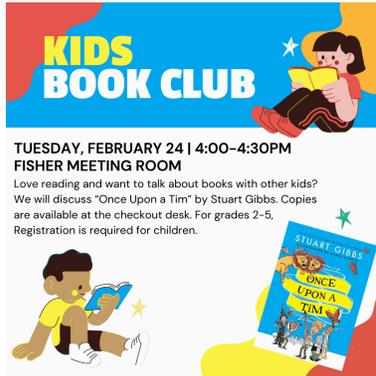
Teens are invited to get involved at the Pittsford Community Library through a variety of programs that offer both volunteer opportunities and creative activities. [Crafty Book](#)

[Buddies](#) pairs teen volunteers with children in grades K–3 to support early literacy through shared reading and simple crafts, while [Teen Community Service](#) allows teens to earn community service hours by helping organize materials, maintain puzzles and displays, and assist with decorations. Teens seeking a creative outlet are invited to register for a [marble paper-crafting program](#). Registration is required for all of the above.



CRAFTY BOOK BUDDIES
ALL MONDAYS IN FEBRUARY
4:00-4:30 PM
STORYTALE ROOM
Grades 9-12.
Registration required.
Encourage a beginner reader and earn service credit.

The poster features a dark blue background with white stars and snowflakes. At the bottom, two cartoon characters, a blue one and a pink one, are wearing winter hats and sunglasses. The text is in various colors: green for the title, white for the dates and time, orange for the room name, and purple for the grade level and registration info.



KIDS BOOK CLUB
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 4:00-4:30PM
FISHER MEETING ROOM
Love reading and want to talk about books with other kids? We will discuss "Once Upon a Tim" by Stuart Gibbs. Copies are available at the checkout desk. For grades 2-5. Registration is required for children.

The poster has a blue and yellow background. It features an illustration of a girl reading a book and a boy sitting on the floor reading. A book titled "ONCE UPON A TIM" by Stuart Gibbs is shown in the foreground.

A super special **story time** is coming to PCL. Henry Padron-Morales, co-owner of Hipocampo Children's Books in the South Wedge, will share stories and songs in Spanish and English during our [Spanish Story Time & Dance](#). Kids of all ages are invited to enjoy.

Readers in grades 2-5 are also invited to register for [Kids Book Club](#) with Ms. Sarah. This month, we are reading *Once Upon a Tim*; pick up a copy at the circulation desk.

Community support is available for those looking to connect with others. [Therapy Dogs](#) are open to receiving pets and snuggles from patrons of all ages. Author Jennifer Sanfilipo will present a [heartfelt talk on cancer and loss](#). The Alzheimer's Association presents [The Empowered Caregiver](#), a series that explores how to navigate the responsibilities of caring for someone living with dementia.

For a full article detailing further information and registration details about these programs, please visit: <https://www.townofpittsford.org/news/upcoming-programs-pittsford-community-library-0>. To learn about the many other programs the Library is offering this month and going forward, please visit the Library's [interactive online calendar](#).

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.



Therapy Dog Visit!
Mon, Feb 16
10:30am - 12pm
Fisher Meeting Room
ALL AGES

The poster features a white dog sitting on a wooden floor. The text is overlaid on the image in white boxes with black text. A blue speech bubble at the bottom left says "ALL AGES". A vertical text on the right side of the dog says "Please Pet Me".

ELDERBERRY EXPRESS PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION FOR PITTSFORD SENIORS

Volunteers needed!

For nearly four decades, **Elderberry Express** has helped Pittsford's senior residents get where they need to go. Serving the community since 1987, Elderberry Express offers reliable, volunteer-powered transportation for seniors living in the Town of Pittsford.

Elderberry Express is available to senior citizens who reside in the Town of Pittsford and are able to walk independently (ambulatory).

Transportation is provided for a wide range of essential and everyday needs, including:

- Medical, dental, and pharmacy appointments
- Attorney and government agency visits
- Banking and health-related shopping
- Hairdresser appointments
- Visiting family members
- Other approved personal appointments



How to Request a Ride

- Call **248-6237** — the Elderberry Express phone line is available **24 hours a day**
- Requests must be made **at least 48 hours in advance**
- Please leave your **name, phone number, address, appointment time, and type of service needed**
- For **Monday appointments**, calls must be placed by **1:00pm on the previous Thursday**
- Riders will receive a **confirmation call from the driver the evening before** the appointment

Service Policies

- Service is provided **Monday–Friday**, for appointments scheduled between **9:00am and 3:00pm**, excluding holidays
- Transportation is available **within Monroe County or within 10 miles of the Village of Pittsford**
- **Same-day service is not available**
- Riders are limited to **one personal appointment per week** (exceptions may be made based on driver availability)
- **Multiple stops on a single trip must be pre-approved**

Elderberry Express **relies on donations** to help maintain its vehicles, transportation system, and office operations. Contributions are encouraged and greatly appreciated.

Elderberry Express is a true community service **staffed by volunteers**. The time commitment is flexible — as little as **two hours per month**. Anyone interested in volunteering as a **driver or dispatcher** is encouraged to call **248-6237** for more information.

SNOW ART CONTEST – SHOW US YOUR WINTER CREATIVITY!

Get creative this winter and show off your best snow creation! The Town of Pittsford's Snow Art Contest runs **through March 8**, and we can't wait to see what you build.

Create your most imaginative snowman, snow sculpture, or snowy scene, then snap a photo and send it in!

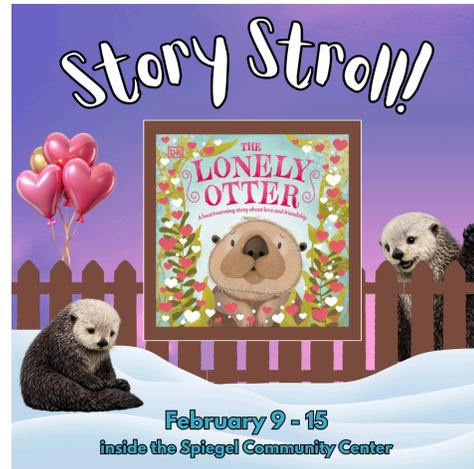
Submit a photo of your snowman or snow creation by email to **pittsrec@townofpittsford.org** anytime during the contest dates. Be sure to include **your name** and the **name of your snow creation** with your entry. Multiple submissions are welcome.



After the contest closes, all submissions will be posted on the [Pittsford Recreation Facebook page](#) for community voting from **March 9–14**. **First, second, and third-place overall winners** will receive prizes from the Town of Pittsford Recreation Department. Beginning **March 16**, winners and all participants may stop by the Spiegel Community Center front desk to pick up their certificates (and prizes for the top winners). Bundle up, have fun, and let your snowy creativity shine!

STORY STROLL FEATURES “THE LONELY OTTER: A HEART-WARMING TALE ABOUT LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP,” NOW UNDERWAY

Families are invited to enjoy our latest Story Stroll, now underway through **February 15**, featuring the picture book “**The Lonely Otter: A Heart-Warming Story About Love and Friendship**” by Clare Victoria Wilson. Visitors of all ages can enjoy a leisurely Story Stroll in the Spiegel Community Center while reading this lovely book about finding one’s place in the world.



In this gentle and engaging story, Otter feels lonely and unsure of where exactly he fits in. As he meets other animals throughout the story, he learns about friendship, self-acceptance, and the importance of being true to oneself. With its warm message and charming illustrations, *The Lonely Otter* is a thoughtful and enjoyable read for children and families.

Participants are welcome to read the story at their own pace. After completing the Story Stroll, families may stop by the front desk to pick up a **themed craft pack to take home**, while supplies last. 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.

PITTSFORD PTSA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Each spring, the Pittsford PTSA presents the New York State PTA Honorary Life Membership Award to community members who have gone above and beyond in serving Pittsford youth. The award recognizes individuals whose volunteer efforts or professional contributions exceed normal expectations and make a lasting impact on young people in our community.

Nominees must demonstrate dedication to Pittsford youth in three areas:

- Significant volunteer efforts or contributions beyond normal job responsibilities.



- Outstanding personal qualities that make them a positive role model.
- Ongoing willingness and availability to serve youth, directly or administratively.

Recipients are selected by a PTSA committee from nominations submitted by the wider Pittsford community. A list of past award recipients is available to view.

Nomination Process

The nomination process includes three phases:

- **Phase 1: Pre-Nomination Application (opens January 1; deadline February 13, 2026)**
- A lead sponsor submits the nominee's name, volunteer activities, and a brief statement describing how the nominee meets the criteria.
- **Phase 2: Support Letters (deadline March 27, 2026)**
- Approved nominees will require seven letters of support—one from the lead sponsor and six from community members—detailing the nominee's long-term contributions to Pittsford youth.
- **Phase 3: Recipient Selection**
- Recipients and sponsors will be notified by **March 29, 2026**, and invited to the ceremony.

For more information, contact Awards Committee Chair **Kristin Rohlfs**.

The Honorary Life Membership Awards will be presented on **Thursday, April 23, 2026, from 7:00–8:30pm**.

WATCH AND LEARN: HOW TO FOLLOW PITTSFORD TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Pittsford offers multiple ways for residents to watch Town Board meetings live, view recorded meetings on demand, and learn more about Town government. Meetings are broadcast on cable television, streamed online, and made available for later viewing at residents' convenience.

The Pittsford Town Board typically meets on the **first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm**, at Town Hall.



- Meeting dates are listed on the Town calendar at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar
- Agendas are posted on the Town's [Minutes & Agendas](#) page at least **two days prior** to each meeting
- A direct link to the livestream is included on **page two of the meeting agenda**

Residents may also watch past Town Board meetings online at any time via ERCN TV-12's on-demand viewing options

Watch on Cable TV

Pittsford Town Board meetings are broadcast on ERCN TV-12, available to all Spectrum Cable subscribers in Pittsford, Perinton, Fairport, and East Rochester, regardless of their service tier.

- **Spectrum channel 1303** (formerly channel 12)
- Requires a Spectrum digital set-top box, a legacy Time Warner digital box, or a Time Warner digital adapter for older televisions

Watch on Roku

Residents with a Roku device can watch ERCN TV-12 programming for free through the standard Roku package.

- Select **“PEG TV Community Television”**
- Choose **“ERCN TV-12”** from the community access listings
- You may also search by state (New York) or by channel name using Roku’s search function

Watch Online: Live and On Demand

Town Board meetings are streamed live and recorded for on-demand viewing through the Town’s cable access station portal.

- Visit the Town of Pittsford website
- Under **“About Pittsford,”** select **ERCN TV-12**
- Click **“On-Demand & Live Program Feed”** to watch live meetings or recorded programs
- Meetings can be viewed on any computer, tablet, smartphone, or web-enabled TV

If you log in before a meeting begins and see an error message, refresh your screen at **6:00pm**, when the meeting starts.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- **“The Lonely Otter: A Heart-Warming Story About Love and Friendship” Story Stroll, 2/9 – 2/15**, inside the Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home; free and open to the public.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 2/11, 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
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 2/12, 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
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, Thursday, 2/12, 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
- **Zoning Board**, Monday, 2/16, 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

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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