

# News & Reviews

**February 18,  
2026**

**Town of Pittsford - a  
Clean Energy and Climate  
Smart Community**

*See listings below for*

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPROVED SENIOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS – 2/24**

The Town of Pittsford Town Board will hold a public hearing this **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 be held at **Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street**, during the Town's next Board meeting. The Town Board meeting, originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, was rescheduled to February 24.

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**

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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to view the  
proposed law →

- 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**.



### ADOPT A HYDRANT THIS WINTER

Fire emergencies happen FAST, and in winter, they're even more common. Colder months lead to increased use of heating devices, fireplaces, and generators, as well as holiday cooking, all of which increase the risk of home fires. When seconds count, firefighters need quick access to fire hydrants. That's where our community can make a big difference.

This winter, residents are encouraged to "Adopt a Hydrant" in their neighborhood. By taking responsibility for keeping a nearby hydrant free of snow and visible from the street, you help ensure that firefighters can respond quickly during an

emergency. An accessible hydrant saves valuable time when it is needed most.

### How to Adopt Your Hydrant:

- **After each snowfall, clear a three-foot radius** around the hydrant
- Make sure the hydrant is **completely visible**, not hidden by snow piles
- Avoid pushing or blowing snow onto hydrants while shoveling or plowing
- Consider checking on your hydrant after heavy storms or street plowing

Adopting a hydrant is a simple act that offers a meaningful benefit to your neighbors and community. Your efforts help firefighters respond swiftly and safely—and may even save a life.

Thank you for helping keep Pittsford safe this winter, one hydrant at a time.

### SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS & SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, MARCH 2

The 2026 Spring Recreation Brochure is now available! Brochures have been mailed to Pittsford residents and should arrive soon. You can view the spring brochure online at <https://bit.ly/4aE3MIU>

Registration for **spring programs and Summer Fun Camps** begins on **Monday, March 2**, for Pittsford residents. Registration for all others begins March 9.



Register for programs [online](#) or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue.

Beginning Monday, March 2, after 12:00pm, Pittsford residents can also make facility reservations for the spring 2026 season (late March through June) [online](#) for both the Pittsford Community Center and the Pittsford Community Library.

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.



## SENIORS LUNCH WITH MUSIC BY THE BRADLEY BROTHERS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**Reservations due tomorrow, Thursday, 2/19**

Seniors, join us for a delicious lunch and musical entertainment on February 24 at 12:00noon. On the menu is Chef Linda's Award-Winning White Chicken Chili, served alongside Italian bread and a mandarin salad with brownie sundaes for dessert! The Bradley Brothers, known for performing Brazilian jazz, bossa nova, and samba, will provide musical entertainment.

The lunch and program will be held in the VanHuysen Community Room. Cost is \$8.00 per person.

**Advance registration is required by tomorrow, February 19.** For more information and to register,

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, [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.

## FAMILY GAME-PALOOZA BRINGS WINTER FUN FOR ALL AGES

Let the Pittsford Recreation Department take care of your next family game night! Gather the whole family for a cozy winter evening filled with laughter, creativity, and friendly competition at Family Game-Palooza.

Enjoy classic board games everyone loves, exciting rounds of bingo with fun prizes, and imaginative play with building bricks for all ages.

Whether you're strategizing your way to victory, shouting "BINGO," or building a masterpiece, there's something for everyone to enjoy. It's the perfect way to beat the winter chill and make lasting family memories.



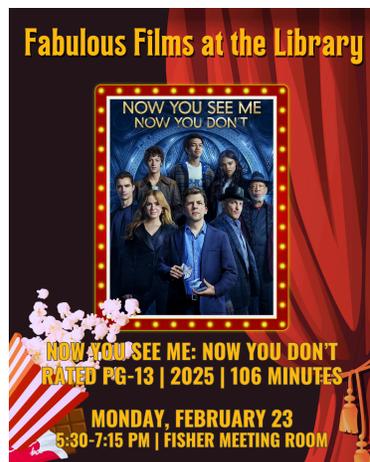
Family Game-Palooza will take place on **Friday, February 27, 2026**, from **6:00pm to 8:00pm** at the Spiegel Community Center. The program is open to all ages, and the cost is \$5 per person. [Registration is required](#), and space is limited.

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## 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.

Spring is coming to Pittsford, and the Library has a series of great events to welcome this long-awaited season. Curl up with a cozy Zoom presentation that will get you dreaming about sunshine. In [10 Ways to Combat Climate Change](#), we'll discuss fresh ideas and tweaks that will help the Earth. Later, join the [Seed Starting](#) Zoom for a refresher on planting. Switch gears and enjoy the presentation, [Timepiece Tales](#). On display will be 65-70 timepieces representing a period when clocks were a luxury. Participants will also experience clock songs, trivia, poetry, and a trip back in time to trace the history of timekeeping.



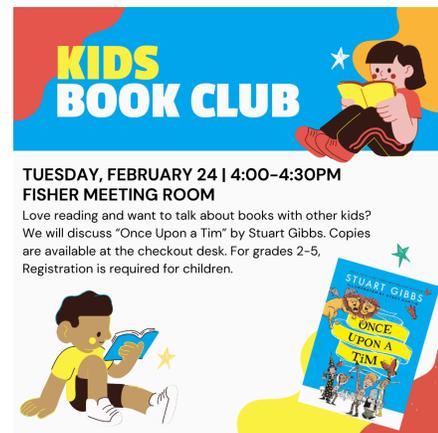
On February 23, you can plan a whole evening at the library: First, earn an hour of community service credit while working on reading skills with little ones as a [Crafty Book Buddy](#). Then sit back and enjoy a screening of the PG-13 movie [Now You See Me: Now You Don't](#) - with fresh popcorn. Later in the week, earn community service credit at [Teen Community Service](#).

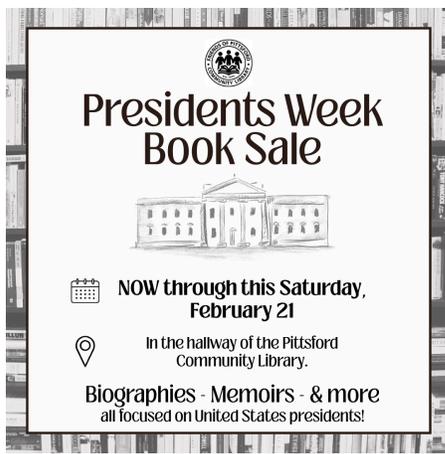
In addition to our regular story times, we have special events coming to the Children's room. Join us in welcoming Henry from Hipocampo for [Spanish Storytime and Dance](#).

Now kids can enjoy a [book club just for them](#); this month, we are reading "Once Upon a Tim" by Stuart Gibbs. Copies are available at the circulation desk.

For a full article detailing further information and registration details about these programs, please visit: [www.townofpittsford.org/news/upcoming-programs-pittsford-community-library-1](http://www.townofpittsford.org/news/upcoming-programs-pittsford-community-library-1)

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).





## FRIENDS OF THE PITTSFORD LIBRARY PRESIDENTS' DAY SALE UNDERWAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 2/21

Calling all history buffs! The Friends of the Pittsford Library are hosting their annual Presidents' Day book sale in the first-floor hallway of the library. Find biographies, memoirs, and more, all focused on US presidents. The sale ends this Saturday, February 21.

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### WINTER BIRDS OF PITTSFORD

Even in the quiet of February, Pittsford's trees, parks, and neighborhoods are full of life. Did you know some birds migrate to "warm" New York State from far northern Canada? Other winter birds are full-time residents of western New York. Whether "just visiting" or maintaining their permanent residence, these birds provide important ecological benefits and add color and movement to snowy landscapes.

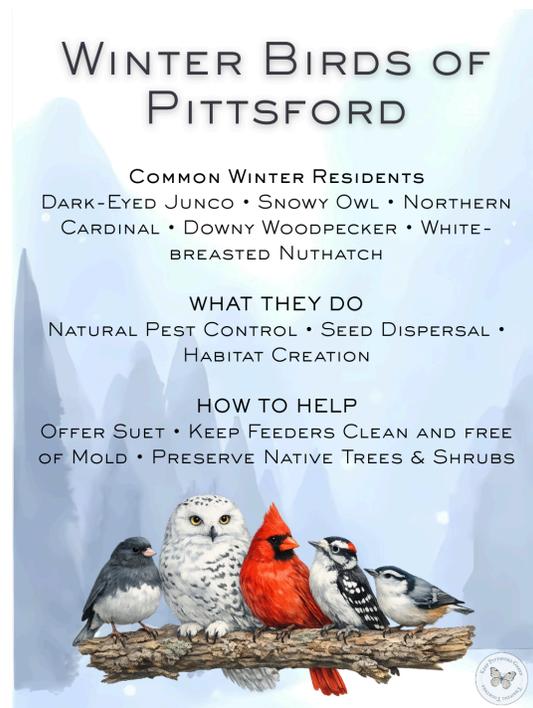
This winter, the Town is highlighting native species in our Winter Birds of Pittsford social media series to help residents learn to identify, appreciate, and support the birds that call our community home year-round.

#### Common visitors during the winter:

- **American Tree Sparrow:** Migrates from northern Canada to winter in NY, frequently visiting bird feeders.
- **Dark-eyed Junco:** Often called "snowbirds," they arrive in the fall from Canada.
- **Snowy Owl:** Migrates from the Arctic to open-country habitats and coastal areas.
- **Raptors:** Rough-legged Hawks and Short-eared Owls often arrive from northern breeding grounds.
- **Waterfowl:** Including White-winged Scoters and Buffleheads,

#### Common year-round residents in our area include:

- **Northern Cardinal:** Bright red males and warm brown females add vibrant color to winter backyards.
- **Black-capped Chickadee:** Small, energetic birds known for their cheerful "chick-a-dee-dee-dee" call.
- **Downy Woodpecker:** A small but mighty tree protector that feeds on insects hidden beneath bark.



- **White-breasted Nuthatch:** Recognizable for climbing headfirst down tree trunks in search of insects.

**Birds do far more than brighten winter days. They provide:**

- **Natural Pest Control:** Woodpeckers, chickadees, and nuthatches consume large numbers of insects, helping protect trees and landscapes.
- **Seed Dispersal:** Many species help spread native plants, supporting biodiversity.
- **Habitat Creation:** Abandoned woodpecker cavities provide shelter for other birds and small mammals.

A healthy bird population indicates a healthy ecosystem, and by protecting habitat and supporting native species, we strengthen Pittsford's tree canopy, waterways, and green spaces.

**Residents can make a difference by:**

- Offering black oil sunflower seed or suet during extreme cold
- Keeping feeders clean and free of mold
- Providing fresh water when possible
- Using salt responsibly to protect landscaping and nearby habitat
- Preserving native trees and shrubs

Our Winter Birds of Pittsford series will continue throughout the season on the Town's social media channels, featuring identification tips, fun facts, and simple ways to support local wildlife.

By learning about and caring for native birds, we help ensure our community stays healthy, resilient, and green year-round.



**'PARENTS NIGHT OUT' OFFERS AN EVENING OF FUN FOR KIDS**

Enjoy a well-deserved evening out while your children have a great time at the Pittsford Recreation Department's upcoming Parents Night Out. The program will be held **on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Studio East Dance Studio from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** and is open to children ages 3 to 12. Registration is required.

This fun-filled evening offers a mix of movement, creativity, and relaxation in a safe, welcoming environment, no dance experience required. Kids will enjoy a movie on the big projector screen with popcorn and a drink, then dance to upbeat music, navigate an obstacle course, play games, and make new friends. Participants are encouraged to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and blanket to get cozy during the movie portion of the evening.

Space is limited, so [register early](#) for an evening packed with fun and laughter.

Studio East Dance Studio is located at **370 Macedon Center Road, Unit 3**. 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.

### TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 2/23 – **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 2/24, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes) – **NOTE REVISED DAY/DATE**
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 2/26, 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)

### 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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