

News & Reviews

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

It's time to register for spring classes and programs through Pittsford Rec! We've got **spring sports opportunities**, a variety of themed **summer camps**, a **cupcake competition** for kids 9-14, a **Minecraft Art Camp**, **guided hikes** on Pittsford Trails, a **Traveler's Spanish class** for adults, and a **variety of programs, events, and workshops at our senior center**. Brochures have been mailed to Pittsford residents, but you can always view the current brochure online at

www.townofpittsford.org/sites/default/files/publications/rec_brochure.pdf.



Registration for **spring programs and Summer Fun Camps** begins this Monday, **March 2**, for Pittsford residents. Registration for all others begins March 9. Pittsford residents can make **facility reservations** the same day, beginning at 12:00pm, for the spring 2026 season (late March through June) at both the Pittsford Community Center and the Pittsford Community Library.

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

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.

FAMILY GAME-PALOOZA IS THIS FRIDAY

Let the Pittsford Recreation Department take care of your next family game night! This **Friday**, 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 this **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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PLANT NATIVE TO HELP PREVENT INVASIVE SPECIES

In recognition of **National Invasive Species Awareness Week**, residents are encouraged to consider one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of invasive plants: planting native species.

Native plants evolved in Western New York and are naturally adapted to our soil, climate, and wildlife. They **support pollinators and birds, require less maintenance, and help create resilient landscapes** that make it more difficult for invasive plants to take hold.



When planning your spring garden, choose species native to the Northeast and match plants to your site conditions, including sun exposure and soil type. A mix of trees, shrubs, and perennials increases biodiversity and strengthens your landscape. Helpful local resources include [Color Pittsford Green](#), [Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County](#), and [WNY Prism](#).

Try to avoid planting known invasive species such as Japanese barberry, burning bush, Norway maple, yellow flag iris, and periwinkle. Even when available commercially, these plants can spread beyond garden beds and disrupt natural areas.

Looking to purchase new plants? The [Conservation Tree & Shrub Program](#) through Monroe County is holding its annual sale through March 6 at 4:00pm. See more information in the article below!

You can also deepen your impact by participating in two Town of Pittsford initiatives. Our [Toxic Free Challenge](#) encourages households to reduce or eliminate the use of synthetic lawn and garden chemicals that can harm pollinators and waterways.

The Town is committed to this approach as well. We've reduced our use of such materials and use them only when absolutely necessary – every year, on all 3,000+ acres the Town maintains, the Town uses a smaller amount of chemical herbicides and pesticides than just one house on a half-acre lot that employs a lawn service.

Our [Pollinator Pathway](#) program invites residents to plant native, pollinator-friendly species and create connected habitat corridors throughout the community. The Town plants native whenever feasible – you can find native pollinator gardens at several of our parks and facilities.

Late winter is an ideal time to evaluate your yard, identify invasive plants to replace, and research native alternatives. Small changes in each individual garden contribute to the long-term health and environmental sustainability of our community.



MONROE COUNTY TREE & SHRUB PRE-ORDER PROGRAM ENDS SOON

Orders accepted through March 6

Beginning to think about spring planting? Plan your garden 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. But hurry – there's only a little over a week to get your order in!

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 to 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.

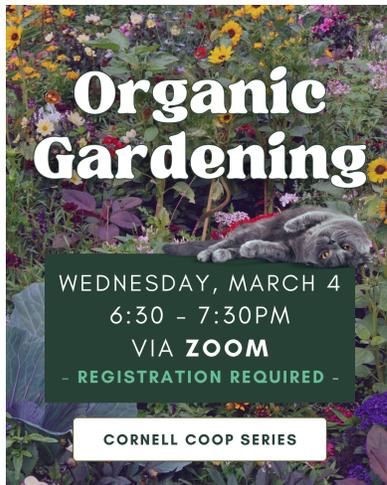
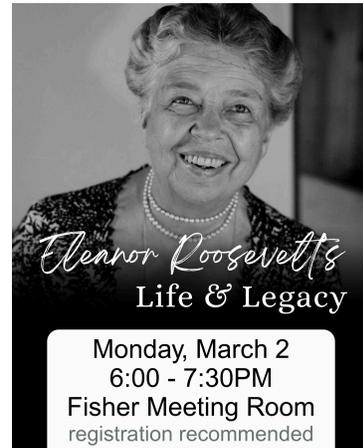
Find complete information about the Conservation Tree & Shrub program here: <https://monroecountyswcd.org/tree-shrub-program/>

This is a great opportunity to improve your property's environmental health, develop a wildlife habitat, minimize erosion, and enjoy the beauty of the natural world. Plan now—and plant for the future this spring.

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. Are you dancing a jig because spring has sprung? Join us on Sunday, March 8, at 2:30pm for a lively performance by Irish dancers [Rince Na Tiarna](#). This event is for all ages.

History buffs, unite! Professor Mark Sample of MCC will be giving a talk on [the life of Eleanor Roosevelt](#), part one of a three-part series. Please note the earlier 6:00pm start time.



Later in the week, grab your computer and Zoom with us and the Cornell Cooperative Extension as we discuss [organic gardening and lawn care](#). Build on that knowledge over the weekend as you learn how to selectively remove unwanted branches, improve a tree's structure, and direct new, healthy growth in [Pruning Trees & Shrubs](#).

Teens and younger are invited to pick up a tree sapling from the Children's Room March 1 – 12. [Make sure to register!](#)

On Monday, March 9, it's time to kick up your heels at our [Oscars Preview Party](#). Join PCL staff for a film extravaganza! View trailers of Oscar nominees, vote for your favorites, and pose for a photo on our red carpet. Popcorn and mocktails provided.

Have you heard? [Cinderella is visiting Pittsford!](#) Stop in on Sunday, March 1, to hear players from Asbury Community Theatre read the story of Cinderella and discuss their upcoming shows. Photo opportunity afterwards. Then on Wednesday, March 4, join dance instructor Miss Kristen for a creative movement, rhythm, and sensory exploration class that nurtures connection and imagination as we [Move & Play Together](#).

For a full article detailing further information and registration details about these programs, please visit: www.townofpittsford.org/news/upcoming-programs-pittsford-

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [sign-up for the Library's weekly eNewsletter](#), the [Library's online program calendar](#), or call (585) 248-6275. For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit www.townofpittsford.org/library.



SNOW ART CONTEST ENDING SOON!

Get creative this winter and show off your best snow creation! You have eleven days left to enter the Town of Pittsford's **Snow Art Contest**, which closes on March 8. Build your most imaginative snowman, snow sculpture, or snowy scene, then snap a photo and submit it!

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**.

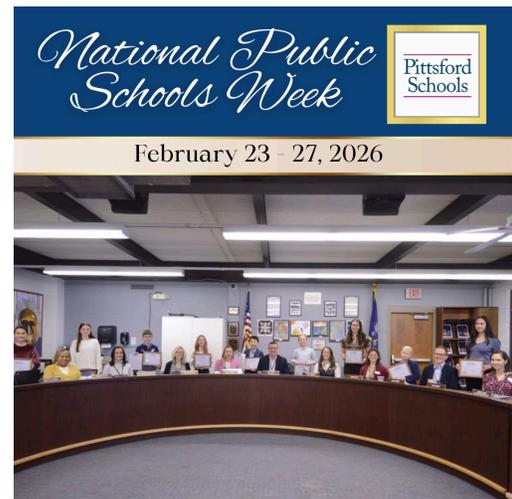
First, second, and third-place overall winners will receive prizes from the Town of Pittsford Recreation Department. Beginning **March 16**, winners and all participants may stop by the Spiegel Community Center front desk to pick up their certificates (and prizes for the top winners).

Bundle up, have fun, and let your snowy creativity shine!

CELEBRATING THE PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

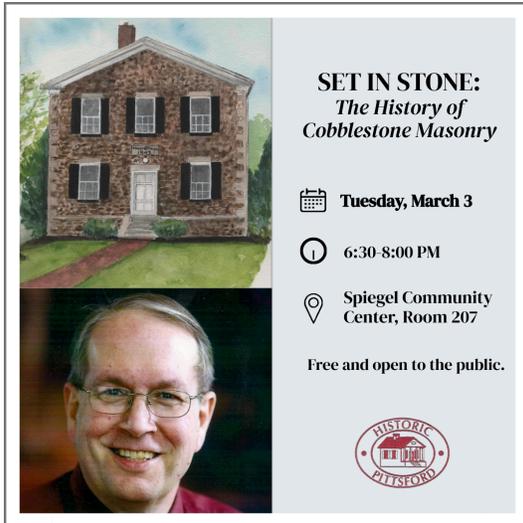
Here in Pittsford, we are proud to celebrate the outstanding work of the **Pittsford Central School District** and the many teachers, administrators, coaches and support professionals who serve our students each day.

In 2025–2026, Pittsford schools were **ranked in the top 1% of public school districts nationwide** by Niche, earning the #87 spot in the U.S. and the top ranking in the Rochester



area. Mendon and Sutherland High Schools ranked first and second in Monroe County, and all elementary schools placed among the top five locally.

These achievements reflect more than rankings and awards. They represent the dedication of educators and school staff who inspire curiosity, support student growth and strengthen our entire community. We extend our sincere appreciation to all who make Pittsford's public schools a source of pride.



SET IN STONE:
*The History of
Cobblestone Masonry*

 **Tuesday, March 3**

 **6:30-8:00 PM**

 **Spiegel Community
Center, Room 207**

Free and open to the public.



SET IN STONE: THE HISTORY OF COBBLESTONE MASONRY PRESENTATION – 3/3

Set in Stone: The History of Cobblestone Masonry offers a closer look at one of Western New York's most distinctive architectural traditions. The Historic Pittsford presentation will take place on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 6:30 to 8:00pm, at the **Spiegel Community Center** (Room 107). The program is free and open to the public.

Have you ever noticed the cobblestone building at 17 Church Street in the **Village of Pittsford** and wondered how it was

constructed, who built it, or how it was originally used? This program will answer those questions and more.

Featured speaker **Douglas Farley**, Director of **The Cobblestone Society**, will present the fascinating story of cobblestone masonry in Western New York. His talk explores how early pioneers used Ice Age “cast-offs” — rounded stones left behind by glaciers — to create a unique regional building style that remains visible across the area today.

Based in **Albion**, The Cobblestone Society interprets three National Historic Landmark cobblestone buildings along with several other National Register historic structures on its campus. The organization works to preserve and share the history of this distinctive architectural form.

Residents and history enthusiasts alike are invited to this informative evening to gain a deeper appreciation for the craftsmanship and heritage that are literally set in stone throughout our region.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **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
- **Environmental Advisory Board**, Monday, 3/2, 7:00pm, 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
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 3/3, 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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