

# News & Reviews

March 25, 2026

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## Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

### HOMEOWNER'S STORM-READY CHECKLIST: A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN OF PITTSFORD SEWER DEPARTMENT

Don't wait for the next heavy downpour to find out your drainage system is struggling. Use this quick checklist to protect your property and keep the neighborhood dry:

1. **Clear your Gutters Regularly:** Remove leaves and twigs to prevent debris from clogging your underground pipes and causing basement backups.
2. **Inspect Your Lateral:** Have a professional inspect your **4 to 6-inch storm lateral** every 3-5 years as preventative maintenance or immediately if you experience frequent clogs, slow drains, sewage backups, or strange gurgling noises.
3. **Sweep Catch Basins:** Keep yard and street drains clear of organic debris so water can flow freely into the storm sewer.
4. **Monitor Standing Water:** If you notice large puddles on the road that won't budge, contact the Town immediately to check for system obstructions.
5. **Review Your Insurance:** Check with your provider about **private sewer insurance** to cover potential cleanup costs or line repairs.

### HOMEOWNERS STORM-READY CHECKLIST:

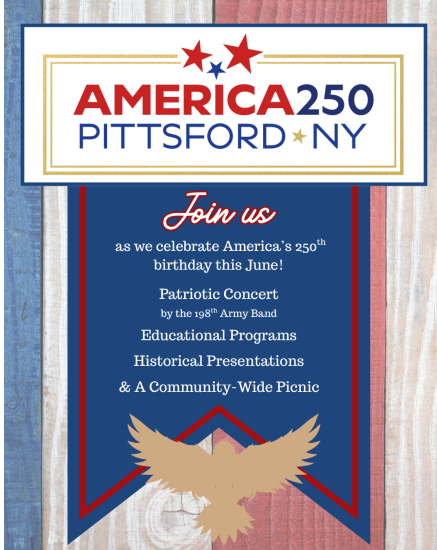
Simple steps to prevent flooding and sewer backups, especially before heavy spring rains.

- 1 CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS REGULARLY**  
Remove **leaves and twigs** to prevent debris from clogging your underground pipes and causing basement backups.
- 2 INSPECT YOUR LATERAL**  
Have your 4"-6" storm lateral inspected every **3-5 years**, or **immediately** if you experience frequent clogs, slow drains, sewage backups, or strange gurgling noises.
- 3 SWEEP CATCH BASINS**  
Keep yard and street drains **clear of organic debris** so water can flow freely into the storm sewer.
- 4 MONITOR STANDING WATER**  
If you notice **standing water** that won't budge, contact the Town immediately to check for system obstructions.
- 5 REVIEW YOUR INSURANCE**  
Most standard policies don't cover sewer backups. Check with your provider about **private sewer insurance** to cover potential cleanup costs or line repairs.

Questions? Contact the Town of Pittsford Sewer Department at 585-248-6490 or visit [www.townofpittsfordny.gov/dpw/sewer](http://www.townofpittsfordny.gov/dpw/sewer)

### CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH IN PITTSFORD

The Town of Pittsford will honor America's 250th birthday by hosting special events, programs, and activities throughout the year.



Residents will enjoy America 250-themed history and educational features at various Town events, as well as displays and information from the Town Historian. These activities will highlight the rich history of our nation and its connection to our local community.

The **198th Army Band** will deliver a patriotic concert on **June 12**—a feature event you won't want to miss!

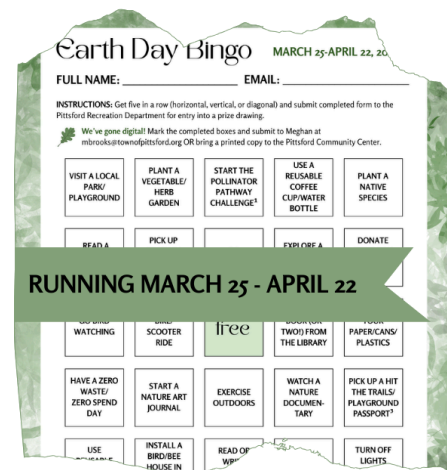
The Town and Village are planning a **special community-wide America 250 Celebration** this June. We will have more details to share soon!

Be a part of this milestone! Gather your friends and family, get involved in community activities, and help us honor 250 years of American history, heritage, and community spirit right here in Pittsford!

## EARTH DAY BINGO STARTS TODAY – JOIN THE FUN AND GO GREEN

The Pittsford Recreation Department's **Earth Day Bingo** starts today! Running from today, **March 25 to April 22** (Earth Day), this fun activity invites everyone to complete environmentally beneficial tasks and nurture appreciation for the beautiful community in which we live.

To participate, [Download the Earth Day Bingo PDF](#), or visit the Spiegel Community Center (35 Lincoln Ave, Pittsford) for a paper copy.



Then, complete as many or as few activities as you'd like prior to Earth Day 2026! If you get five tasks in a row (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal), you can submit your bingo card for a certificate and entry into a drawing for a special prize!

### Bingo cards can be submitted in two ways:

1. **Digital:** Email your completed PDF to Meghan at [mbrooks@townofpittsford.org](mailto:mbrooks@townofpittsford.org)
2. **Print:** Bring your hard copy to the Spiegel Community Center (35 Lincoln Ave).

Please contact Meghan with any questions at [mbrooks@townofpittsford.org](mailto:mbrooks@townofpittsford.org).

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.

## NEW SPRING PROGRAM HELPS KIDS BUILD SOCIAL SKILLS THROUGH COMEDY IMPROV



A popular Recreation program is expanding this spring! The “**Accidental**” **Social Skills Comedy Improv class** is adding new sessions for younger participants, providing a fun and supportive way for kids ages 7–11 and up to build confidence, make friends, and develop social skills. Classes take place on **Saturdays, May 9 through June 6, from 3:00 to 4:15pm.** Registration is required: sign up for the [“Accidental” Social Skills Comedy Improv Class here.](#)

Participants take part in simple, low-pressure theater games like those seen on TV’s *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* In a relaxed and welcoming environment, kids can join in at their own comfort level—participation is always

encouraged but never required.

The program is designed for young people facing various social communication challenges, including high-functioning autism, ADD/ADHD, anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, Tourette’s, and more. No prior experience is required; just bring a water bottle and a willingness to have fun.

The first session is a “try it” class with no obligation to continue, though registration is required. Scholarships are also available.

Classes are led by Carol Roberts, MA, a comedy improviser and former stand-up comic who has performed with Robin Williams, Paula Poundstone, and Ellen DeGeneres. She also served as an Executive Functioning Coach at RIT’s Spectrum Program.

To learn more or register, visit the [Recreation Department website](#) or sign up in person at the Spiegel Community Center. For questions, contact instructor Carol Roberts at 585-259-2621.

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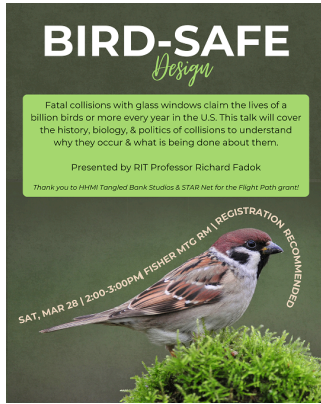


### UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Get ready for spring at the Pittsford Community Library, where we continue to offer an engaging mix of educational, cultural, and community-centered programs for residents of all ages!

On Sunday, March 29, join us to listen to [Songs of Protest and Hope](#). On Tuesday, March 31, the [Interactive Close-Up Magic Show with Nam](#) invites people of all ages to question everything they know, or think they know. Gather a few friends or family members for the [April Fools' Gold](#) Break-In

Room on April 1, where you have to solve puzzles and open locks to find the Kraken's treasure before time runs out!



This spring, make your backyard a haven for birds and pollinators! On Thursday, March 26, it's [Attracting Hummingbirds](#), and on Saturday, March 28, it's [Bird Safe Design](#). On March 30, learn about keeping [The Bees In Your Backyard](#) happy and healthy.

Also on Thursday, March 26, adult patrons are invited to join author Jennifer Sanfilippo at the [Death Cafe](#). This popular program welcomes all to a discussion of death with no agenda, objectives, or themes.

Teens in grades 6-12 who love our [Crochet Club](#) are invited back for a bonus session on March 30: Bunnies!



Next week promises fun activities for our smallest patrons: On Monday, March 30, enjoy [Wildlife Rockstars: Little Critters](#). On April 1, watch Doug Rougeux and his spectacular bubble show, [Bubblemania](#). And April 2 is the [Lego Club Party!](#) Bring your special build to share, enjoy some light refreshments, and watch a Lego film.

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).

## STAY ACTIVE, HEALTHY & CONNECTED WITH SENIOR EXERCISE PROGRAMS THIS SPRING

Is there a better time to begin a new exercise program than in the spring? Get more energy, better mobility, and make new friends at a variety of **senior exercise programs** offered by the Town of Pittsford for all fitness levels, including gentle movement, strength-building, and dance classes.

All classes are held at the Spiegel Community Center unless otherwise noted, and many offer seated or low-impact options to make exercise accessible to all.

*Pittsford Recreation*  
**SENIOR EXERCISE PROGRAMS**

YOGA	LINE DANCING
MIND-BODY FITNESS	TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS AND FALL PREVENTION
ARTHRITIS SENIOR FITNESS	GET FIT AND STRESS LESS
BALANCE CLASS	GUIDED STRETCH
FREE BALANCE CLASS ONLINE	HITT CLASS
ZUMBA GOLD	SQUARE DANCING

Photos show participants in various exercise poses and the Spiegel Community Center building.

Participants can choose from a diverse lineup of weekly classes, including:

- **Yoga** (Mondays & Fridays) to build flexibility, strength, and relaxation
- **Nia: Mind-Body-Spirit Fitness** (Mondays), blending dance, martial arts, and healing movement
- **Arthritis Fitness** (Mondays & Wednesdays), focusing on joint health, strength, and balance

- **Balance Classes** are available in person on Tuesdays or online on Mondays, giving you the flexibility to join from home.
- **Zumba Gold** (Tuesdays & Thursdays), a fun, low-impact dance workout
- **Line Dancing** (Wednesdays) for beginners and advanced participants alike
- **Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention** (Tuesdays & Thursdays), with beginner and advanced options
- **Get Fit & Stress Less** (Wednesdays), combining cardio and stress management.
- **Guided Stretch** (Thursdays) to release tension and improve flexibility
- **HIIT (High-Intensity Interval Training)** (Fridays), with modifications for all ability levels
- **Square Dancing** (Fridays), offering physical, mental, and social benefits

Relax during a calming yoga session, or dance 'til you sweat in Zumba Gold! These programs are designed to support both physical and mental well-being while fostering a welcoming, social environment.



### PREVENT FALLS AND STAY ACTIVE WITH A NEW SPRING CLASS FOR SENIORS AT PITTSFORD REC!

Looking to improve your balance, build strength, and feel more confident in your everyday movements? Join our **Fall Prevention & Preparedness Class** this spring at the Spiegel Community Center. The class runs for six weeks each Thursday, **April 9 through May 14**, from **10:45am to 11:45am** at the **Spiegel Community Center**. Register for the [Fall Prevention & Preparedness Class](#) online or in person at the

Spiegel Community Center.

This program is designed to help participants aged 55+ stay active and reduce fall risk through practical, easy-to-follow techniques in a supportive environment.

Participants will learn how to:

- Improve balance and strength
- Use effective fall prevention strategies
- Safely get up and down from the floor
- Reduce injury and build resilience in the event of a fall

With **small class sizes and personalized instruction**, this program offers a great opportunity to gain confidence, improve mobility, and stay independent.

[Register today](#) and take a proactive step toward better health this spring!

### SPRING BUCKET LIST: MAKE THE MOST OF THE SEASON IN PITTSFORD

Spring has arrived, warm weather pending, and it's the perfect time to get outside, try something new, and enjoy everything our community has to offer! We've also included some indoor options through our Library and Recreation Department. Starting a garden can be done by sowing seeds inside, as can making a spring craft while looking wistfully out the window.

To help you make the most of the season, the Town has created a [Spring Bucket List](#) filled with simple, fun, and local ways to celebrate spring. It's perfect for individuals and families who want to make memories, be intentional, and try new things. **Try checking off a few of these seasonal favorites:**



- Fly a kite
- Attend an [outdoor event](#)
- Go berry picking
- Visit a [local park](#)
- Take a [hike](#)
- Bike along the [Erie Canal Trail](#)
- [Join the Town's Pollinator Pathway Challenge](#)
- Attend a [spring program](#) at the Library
- Make a spring craft
- Complete Pittsford Rec's [Earth Day Bingo](#) (see story above)

Spring is a wonderful time to explore Town programs and events. From guided hikes and story strolls to educational talks at the Library and family-friendly events like **Meet the Machines** and the **Paddle and Pour Festival**, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Download the [Town of Pittsford 2026 Spring Bucket List Printable](#) and get started!

**How many items can you check off?**



### **PITTSFORD WRECKERS UNIFIED YOGA BEGINS IN APRIL – NOTE UPDATED DATES**

*Volunteers needed! Please see below.*

Residents seeking inclusive athletic opportunities are invited to join the Pittsford Wreckers Special Olympics Training Club, which is currently offering **Unified Yoga** through Pittsford Recreation for athletes of all abilities.

Unified Yoga will be held on **Tuesdays, April 28 through June 2**, from **5:00 to 5:45pm** at the **Spiegel Community Center, Room 113**.

The Pittsford Wreckers provide opportunities for athletes, unified partners, and volunteers to take part in supportive, inclusive sports programming. All participants, including athletes, volunteers, and unified partners, must complete the required [Special Olympics New York](#) paperwork and training prior to participation.

**Volunteers are also needed to support Pittsford Wreckers programs.** For more information or to get involved, contact [Kate Disbrow](#) at the Pittsford Recreation Department.

## PITTSFORD CREW OPEN HOUSE



Saturday, April 12  
1:30 to 5:30 PM  
Pittsford Indoor Rowing Center  
2800 Clover Road

**PITTSFORD CREW OPEN HOUSE INVITES COMMUNITY TO EXPLORE ROWING – 4/12**  
[Pittsford Crew](#) welcomes the community to an **Open House** on **Sunday, April 12**, from **1:30pm to 5:30pm** at the **Pittsford Indoor Rowing Center** (2800 Clover Road). Attendees can tour the facility, test out rowing machines, meet coaches and athletes, and learn about summer and youth programs.

Founded in 1997, Pittsford Crew has introduced thousands of local athletes to rowing on the Erie Canal. The organization focuses on teamwork, respect, sportsmanship, and fostering a lifelong

love of the sport within a safe and supportive environment.

Pittsford Crew also plays a crucial role in the Pittsford Regatta, a major part of the Town's Paddle & Pour festival. The Regatta features exciting rowing races on the Canal, showcasing local talent and making it one of Pittsford's most popular events. Visit the Open House to discover more about this unique sport and see how Pittsford Crew continues to energize and enrich the Erie Canal community.

### TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 3/26, 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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