

## **Spiegel Upgrade, Redesign & Expansion is best option**

Our Town Board has recommended an upgraded, expanded and completely redesigned Spiegel Community Center as the best option for a quality facility at reasonable expense. A new building on a different site would cost over \$15 million. Merely to fix things at the existing building will cost \$6.1 million. For \$3 million more, at a cost per average household of \$69 per year over 15 years, the recommended plan gives us everything we need. It saves us \$6 million dollars as compared to constructing a new building. It creates a modern facility in a landmark building in the heart of Pittsford.

Our upgraded and expanded Spiegel Community Center will offer:

- A **complete interior redesign** that will allow for significantly better use of the building’s existing square footage, with increased and improved space for classes, meetings, and programs such as child care, afterschool and fun camp.
- A **building expansion** that includes a new ground-level main entrance, a large lobby with a community lounge, and improved access for those of varying abilities.
- **Greatly improved and expanded parking.**
- **Infrastructure upgrades** that bring long-term cost savings in maintenance and operations.
- A **modernization and aesthetic upgrade** and remodeling of the building, to create a more pleasant environment. And better accommodation for meeting space and for our community center programs.
- A **new and permanent home for the Senior Center – located within the remodeled Spiegel building – with improved access and amenities** and expanded senior space. This includes a dining room with fully equipped kitchen, a senior lounge, reserved parking for seniors near the ground-floor building entrance, and vastly improved access to the Senior Center as compared to the current senior center building.

Our proposal is the right choice for Pittsford’s community programming needs. From it we get an upgraded, modern facility at a modest cost per household of \$69 per year for 15 years.

If there are commercial interests opposed to the course we’ve recommended, so be it. Some may want the Town as a tenant, renting their space for years to come rather than seeing us modernize and improve our own facility. Some may hope to land a contract to construct an entirely new building if we’re prevented from improving the one we have. That, by the way, is off the table regardless of the outcome of the referendum: we can’t justify an expense of over \$15 million when \$9.3 will give the Town everything it needs in a community center.

The referendum takes place on October 18. We ask for your support for this modest and reasonable way forward to a community center worthy of Pittsford.