

# News & Reviews

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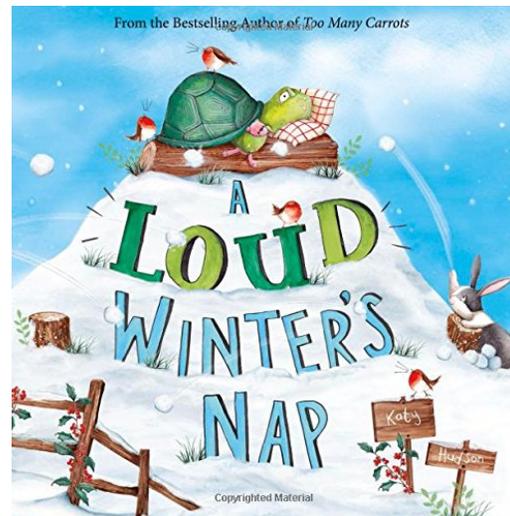
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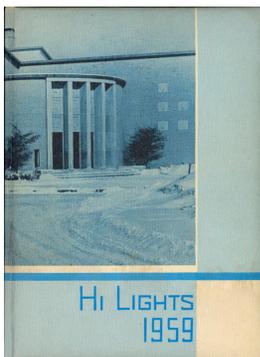
## **“A LOUD WINTER’S NAP” STORY STROLL UNDER WAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Take a story stroll through Katy Hudson’s *“A Loud Winter’s Nap”* – available all this week (through Sunday, February 12) at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on the second floor. Every year Tortoise sleeps through winter. Will his friends convince him to stay awake and experience some frosty seasonal fun?

This charming picture book story will convince even the biggest winter grouch that winter can be magical if you have friends by your side!



Once you have completed the walk, stop at the Community Center front desk and pick up a **themed craft pack to take home!** Craft packs are available Monday through Saturday from 8:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am – 5:00pm.



## **HISTORIANS’ OFFICE SEEKS PITTSFORD HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS**

The Pittsford Town Historians’ Office is searching for history! If you are interested in donating your Pittsford High School, Pittsford Mendon or Pittsford Sutherland yearbook to the Historians’ office, please call 585-248-6245 or email Historian Audrey Johnson at [ajohnson@townofpittsford.org](mailto:ajohnson@townofpittsford.org) or Deputy Historian Vicki Masters Profitt at [vprofitt@townofpittsford.org](mailto:vprofitt@townofpittsford.org). They would love to add your yearbook to our collection!

## **TOWN AND COUNTY 2023 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS – DUE THIS FRIDAY, 2/10**

Pittsford residents: The interest-free Town and County property tax deadline is this Friday, February 10; first installments also are accepted on or before

February 10.

Residents may make payments in person, by mail or by the mail slots (at the back door or to the right of the front door) at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, [online](#), or at Canandaigua National Bank (18 State Street, Pittsford). We ask that any cash payments be exact change and that you call ahead for an appointment to ensure proper staffing is available.



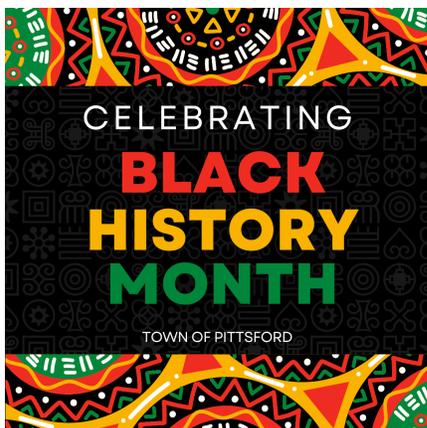
**Please include the following with your tax payment:**

1. The payment coupon (this is the second sheet of your bill); please note, the first installment and full payment are the same payment stub.
2. A filled out check with signature.
3. A contact phone number on your check.

**If you need a copy of your tax bill, you can obtain it by:**

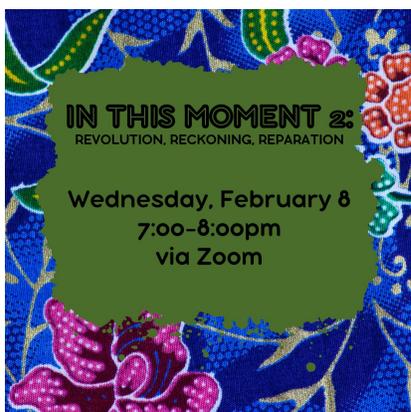
1. Downloading and printing a copy directly from the Monroe County website at [www.monroecounty.gov/etc/rp/](http://www.monroecounty.gov/etc/rp/), OR
2. Emailing the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: [townclerk@townofpittsford.org](mailto:townclerk@townofpittsford.org) or calling the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 to have a copy of your tax bill emailed to you.

**A reminder:** If you are paying your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office. We **strongly** advise that you do **NOT** make your payment in this manner.



**WE'RE CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

February is Black History Month – a time to honor Black history and the many accomplishments of Black individuals. The Town of Pittsford is celebrating Black History Month with a variety of informative and inspiring programs at the Pittsford Community Library. All programs are free and open to the public; in-person programs will be held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room. Please note: advance registration is required for the programs offered via Zoom.

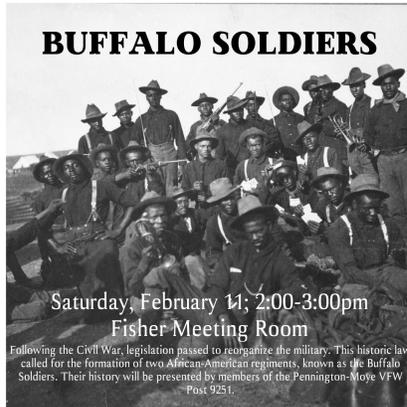


**IN THIS MOMENT 2: REVOLUTION, RECKONING, REPARATION – TONIGHT, FEBRUARY 8**

Our Black History Month programming explores recent history and current accomplishments as well. Tonight, Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00pm, the Pittsford Community Library will host an online discussion with Amanda Chestnut, curator of *In This Moment 1* and *In This Moment 2*, who will talk about the launch of the first two chapbooks in *In This Moment 2*. For this project, 10 teams of Black writers and photographers are paired with 10 Black leaders from Rochester.

Amanda is joined by Reenah Golden, Founder, Executive & Artistic Director of the Avenue Blackbox Theatre, and Timothy James Johnson PhD, Minister at Asbury First United Methodist Church and Professor Emeritus at Roberts Wesleyan College. The

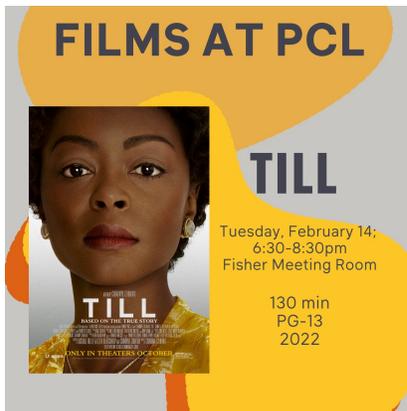
program is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required to receive the Zoom link, which will be sent the day of the event. Use the following link to [register online via the Library calendar](#) or find the registration calendar under the Events tab at [www.townofpittsford.org/library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library).



### LEARN ABOUT THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS THIS SATURDAY AT THE LIBRARY

Join us at the Pittsford Community Library this Saturday, February 11 at 2:00pm to learn about the Buffalo Soldiers – the first peacetime all-Black regiments in the U.S. Army. Following the Civil War, legislation was passed to reorganize the military. This historic law called for the formation of two African-American regiments, known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Learn more about their inspiring history, presented by members of the Pennington-Moye VFW Post 9251.

Part of our Black History Month programming, this program will be held in the Fisher Meeting Room, no registration required.



### BLACK HISTORY IN FILM: *TILL* AT THE LIBRARY THIS TUESDAY, 2/14

The Pittsford Community Library will feature a powerful film in honor of Black History Month this Tuesday, February 14. *Till* tells the true story of Mamie Till Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14 year old son, Emmett Till, who, in 1955, was brutally lynched while visiting his cousins in Mississippi. Join us at 6:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room for this poignant journey of grief turned to action. The film is rated PG-13 and will begin at

6:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room; registration is not required.

Throughout the month – and beyond – the Pittsford Community Library will have a variety of materials and resources available relevant to Black History Month. Be sure to stop by! The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#).

### COBBLESTONE BUILDING RESTORATION STORY PROGRAM FROM HISTORIC PITTSFORD – 2/15

Historic Pittsford will host a program on **Wednesday, February 15** about restoring an 1841 cobblestone building in West Bloomfield. The program is at 7:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room. Todd and Alicia Campbell will discuss their painstaking efforts, and the challenges they faced along the way, as they worked to restore the former Ontario and Livingston Mutual Insurance Office building. This masonry structure restoration of significant magnitude included many other

elements. Before and after photos and "how to" information will cover all aspects of the project, including their work on the building's foundation elements, roofing, cobblestone repair, flooring and ceiling re-build, plastering, and finer finishes, including wallpapers and historic paint colors. The program is free and open to the public; registration is not required.





## LOCAL IRISH DANCE TEACHER AMY COPPOLA WINS GLOBAL AWARD

Congratulations to **Amy Coppola**, recipient of a **2022 Global Excellence in Teaching Award** presented by the international publication *Irish Dancing Magazine*. Amy is the founder of and teaches at Dunleavy Irish Dance School, located in East Rochester. She also teaches a variety of Irish Dance classes at our Spiegel Pittsford Community Center!

The international award recognizes excellence in teaching the art of Irish Dance by honoring extraordinary dance teachers. Award recipients are recognized for their dedicated community outreach, innovative teaching style, and for fostering a supportive, inclusive and body-positive approach to learning Irish Dance. Amy is one of 21 teachers to receive the 2022 award, selected from hundreds of nominations from across the globe. Her passion for teaching is surpassed only by her dedication to her students. Says Amy, "My hope is that the lessons that they have learned through Irish dance transcend throughout every aspect of their life and that they believe in themselves and have the confidence enough to make their own dreams come true."

Amy and her Dunleavy dancers will celebrate the St. Patrick's Day season with a free performance, suitable for all ages, at the Pittsford Community Library on March 21 at 7:00pm. They'll be joined by the Irish music trio Tin Dipper!

*Photo: Dunleavy Irish Dance teacher Amy Coppola (back row, left), class assistant Anna DeVito and some of the Dunleavy Dancers at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.*

## FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH – KEEP YOUR HEART HEALTHY!

American Heart month is dedicated to raising awareness about heart disease. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. **The good news is that you can lower your risk of getting it or having a stroke by simply moving more.** Many types of activity can help your heart – going on a hike or taking the stairs, biking to the store or around the block, wheeling yourself in your wheelchair. Figure out what works best for you.

How much activity is enough? Aim for at least **2½ hours of physical activity each week** – that's just 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. In addition, do muscle strengthening exercises 2 days a week. Can't carve out a lot of time in your day? Don't chuck your goal, chunk it! **Try doing 10 minutes of physical activity at least three times a day.** The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's [Move More fact sheet](#) has ideas to get and keep you moving.

While you're moving more, be sure to **follow these heart-healthy lifestyle tips to protect your heart.** Invite family, friends, colleagues, or members of your community to join you!

- Be more physically active



- Maintain a healthy weight
- Eat a nutritious diet
- Quit smoking
- Reduce stress
- Get 7-9 hours of quality sleep
- Track your heart health stats

You don't have to make big changes all at once. Small steps will get you where you want to go. Help fight heart disease – encourage everyone you know to know their cardiovascular risk and take action to live longer, healthier lives! Find more information at <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/heart-healthy-living>.

## REMINDERS

### SHINGLES VACCINES OFFERED TO SENIORS – SIGN UP UNDER WAY

*Wegmans Pharmacy will provide vaccines at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center*

Seniors can sign up for a Shingrix shingles vaccine offered by Wegmans Pharmacy at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. The vaccine, which requires two doses, is covered by Medicare Part D. The first dose will be administered on Wednesday, February 22 from 9:30 – 11:30am. The second dose will be given the week of April 24. Those who have had the Zostavax vaccine should also receive the Shingrix vaccine. Please call the Pittsford Seniors Office at (585) 248-6235 to register and for more information. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.



### SENIORS VALENTINE'S LUNCH & PROGRAM BY CHRIS BENSCH – THIS TUESDAY, 2/14

**Reservations due this Thursday, 2/9**

Seniors, celebrate Valentine's Day with us! Join us at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center this Tuesday, February 14 for a delicious lunch learn some lore about this not-always-sweet holiday. Chris Bensch from the Strong Museum of Play will offer some fascinating information in a presentation entitled "Sentiments and Sarcasm: Victorian Valentine Traditions." Lunch features beef on roll au jus, cheesy potato casserole, coleslaw, horseradish, and for dessert – chocolate cream pie.

The lunch and program will be held at 12:00pm in the VanHuysen Community Room. The cost is \$6.00 per person and **advance reservations are due by this Thursday, February 9**. For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors click the link to visit the [Seniors page on the Town website](#), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

**TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE STREAMING LIVE**

Pittsford Town Board meetings are being streamed live; the feed is accessible on any device. Town Board is typically held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Town Hall. See [www.townofpittsford.org/calendar](http://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar) for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the [Town Board Meeting live streaming link](#) when the meeting begins. This link can also be found on page two of the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda is posted on the Town's [minutes and agendas page](#) at least two days prior to the meeting. Please note: if you try to log in too early (before the meeting feed is live) you will see an error message; refresh your screen just prior to or at 6:00pm when the board meeting starts and you will be able to view the meeting. As always, ASL interpretation is provided for every Town Board meeting.

### **ASL INTERPRETER ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS**

The Town of Pittsford has an American Sign Language interpreter available at every Pittsford Town Board meeting, to interpret for those who need this service. Those who can't attend a Town Board meeting in person but are planning to watch the meeting's live stream can confirm their need for the interpreter by emailing [comments@townofpittsford.org](mailto:comments@townofpittsford.org). Requests can be made in advance or can be emailed through the first ten minutes of the meeting. An on-demand Town Board meeting video with closed captioning will be available within 48 hours of the meeting; visit [www.townofpittsford.org/channel12](http://www.townofpittsford.org/channel12) and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD**

- *"A Loud Winter's Nap" Story Stroll*, 2/6 - 12, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field, 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.
- [Sweetheart Dance](#) - children ages 5 to 13 can dance the night away, accompanied by an adult as their guest, Friday, 2/10, 6:30-9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; music and activities, advance registration required, \$20 per person, [more info and registration online](#) or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center
- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – **comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via email and mail being accepted**; access the Comprehensive Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, the project timeline, a link to the Town's current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, on the **Zoning Code Update website** at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Comments can be made to [zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org](mailto:zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org) or mailed to Doug DeRue, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534; please indicate whether you are a Town or Village resident.

### **TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS**

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 2/8, 6:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; 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)
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 2/9 – **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 2/9, 6:30pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center – Room 206, 35 Lincoln Avenue, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)

- Planning Board, Monday, 2/13 – NO MEETING

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Thursday, 2/9, 6:30pm; 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, 8:00-10:00am, 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, masks are required; 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. Meetings held the third Thursday of the month, September through June; due to the COVID-19 pandemic, decisions to hold meetings in person or virtually are made month to month. Visit the website at <https://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.

## COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found at [www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info](http://www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info).

[Pittsford Central School District COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates](#).

You can find information on COVID-19 coronavirus at the County Health Department's website: <https://www.monroecounty.gov/health>.

Additional information about COVID-19 testing and health requirements throughout Monroe County can be found on the County's Website: [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov)

The CDC also has information on its website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

In addition, the CDC has information relevant to anyone planning to travel outside of the United States: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC\\_2067-DM20785](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785).

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