

# News & Reviews

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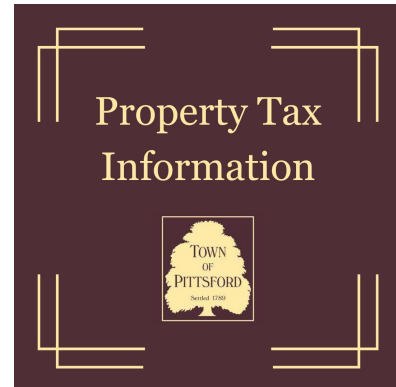
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*See listings below for  
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## 2025 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED – DUE 2/10

If you are not in escrow, you should have received your 2025 Town and County property tax bill in the mail by this time. If you have not, please do one of the following:

- 1) Download and print a copy directly from the [Monroe County website](#)
- 2) Call the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215; or email the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: [townclerk@townofpittsford.org](mailto:townclerk@townofpittsford.org) and they will email a copy of the bill to you.



The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is 2/10; first installments are also accepted on or before 2/10. Please be sure to read all the instructions and information written on the back of your bill carefully. ***Please include your payment coupon (page 2 of your bill) and a contact phone number on your check.*** Failure to do so increases processing time.

You can make your payment by:

- **By mail to:** Renee McQuillen, Receiver, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford NY 14534
- **In person,** Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4 PM at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, or through the mail slots (into locked boxes) available 24/7, located at both the front and back entrances.
  - For cash payments, we ask that you bring the exact amount and please call ahead for an appointment to ensure we have proper staffing.
- **First Installments and full payments** can also be made at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village through February 10, 2025.
- **Online** through Monroe County by credit card or check debit. Please note there is a 2.75% fee to pay by credit card and a sliding scale fee to pay by check debit. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

As in the past we **strongly** advise that you do NOT pay by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late. If you choose to pay 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. If the payment is received past the deadline, it will be considered late and accrue interest penalties.

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### NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC COUNTING CAMERAS COMING TO PITTSFORD

The State Department of Transportation (DOT) is placing traffic counting cameras around the county, including nine located here in Pittsford. The cameras will be installed on state Routes to measure traffic at the following locations:

- Marsh Road near the I-490 overpass
- State Street/Palmyra Road between Main Street and Marsh Road
- East Jefferson Road between South Main Street and South Street
- South Main Street between Jefferson Road and Monroe Avenue/State Street.
- Clover Street between Stone Road and Tobey Road
- East Jefferson Road between East Street and Mitchell Road
- West Jefferson Road between Greenpoint Trail South Main Street
- Calkins Road between Mendon Center Road and Mendon Road

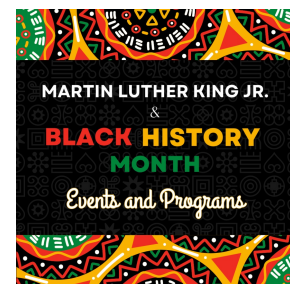


The DOT confirms that the cameras are for traffic-counting purposes only. For questions or additional information, you may contact the local office of the DOT at (585) 272-3310.

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### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is on January 20, and February is Black History Month. Here are [Martin Luther King Jr. and Black History Month](#) programs and events to be held in Pittsford and locally, compiled in an interactive PDF for your reference.



### ELDERBERRY EXPRESS TAKES SENIORS WHERE THEY NEED TO GO

It's a new year, and you have places to go! Don't let the cold and snow keep you at home. Take the Elderberry Express! The Elderberry Express is a **free transportation service** for Pittsford residents, aged 55 and older. Volunteer drivers transport seniors to and from medical appointments, the pharmacy, bank, hairdresser, grocery store, and of course events at the Senior Center! Transportation is available Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Services must be scheduled at least three business days in advance by 10:00 am to ensure driver



availability. The service is free, though donations are welcome! To schedule a ride, please call Elderberry Express at 248-6237.

Elderberry Express **needs volunteer drivers** willing to help provide transportation, from one to a few times per month. Each ride typically lasts two to three hours. By volunteering, you give others the gift of independence. **Can you help?** Call Elderberry Express at 248-6237.

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**"MEET JANUARY" STORY STROLL BEGINS THIS MONDAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Story Strolls have moved inside the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center for winter! Our next Story Stroll takes place this Monday, January 13 through Sunday, January 19. Families can stroll inside the bright and warm Community Center while reading **"Meet January!"** by April Martin. January is the lovable first character in the "Calendar Kids" series. Like many children, January struggles to get out of bed on the first day back to school after winter break. She doesn't enjoy the wintry weather but is determined to wish everyone a Happy New Year. With the help of her friends, January learns that winter can be fun, and she learns how to find joy in unexpected times and places.



Once you have completed your Story Stroll, stop by 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. Meet "February" during our next Story Stroll, which will take place February 10 - 16.

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford 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 Pittsford Community Center at 585-248-6280.

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**"BEAT THE WINTER BLUES" SENIORS LUNCHEON WITH MUSIC BY MIKE KORNRICH TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

***Reservations due TOMORROW, Thursday, 1/9***

Seniors, join us for a delicious lunch by Chef Rachael and music by Mike Kornrich on January 14 at 12:00noon. On the menu is a mix greens salad, chicken pot pie, apple crisp with vanilla ice cream, and mulled cider!

The lunch and the program will be held in the VanHuysen Community Room; cost is \$6.00 per person. **Advance registration is required by tomorrow, January 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 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.

## SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE JANUARY 16: BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S

*Reservations required by this Monday,  
January 13.*

Seniors, join us on Thursday, January 16 for a free morning movie matinee featuring *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, with Audrey Hepburn in her defining role as free spirit Holly Golightly! Enjoy a complimentary selection of coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn while you watch the film, then stay after for an optional lunch of pizza, salad, and dessert if you'd like!

The movie begins at 10:30am in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. The movie and snacks are free; the cost for the optional lunch is \$6.00 per person. So we can plan accordingly, **please register for the movie and lunch by January 13.**

Breakfast at Tiffany's follows Holly Golightly, a captivating, free-spirited young woman who charms her way through New York City. Dreaming of a life of luxury, she encounters aspiring writer Paul Varjak, who becomes increasingly drawn to her. As their friendship blossoms, Holly grapples with her past and the complexities of love and independence, facing a crucial decision about her future.

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

*Scrap Happy Scrapbookers, a pertinent presentation by the Alzheimer's Association, Bingo for Seniors, and essential information from the IRS!*

It's full steam ahead in 2025 for the Pittsford Community Library! Check out the Library's online calendar for complete information about upcoming programs for all ages that inspire, inform, and enrich. **Here are some of the wonderful programs offered this week:**

### Upcoming Events & Programs at the PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Scrap Happy Scrapbookers - 1/8 from 4:00 - 6:00pm



"Healthy Living for Your Body and Brain" - 1/9 from 1:00 - 2:00pm



Bingo for Seniors - 1/10 from 3:00 - 3:30pm



"Online Accounts with the IRS" - 1/14 from 10:00 - 11:00am



For a complete schedule of programs & events at the Pittsford Community Library, please visit their online calendar!

**Scrap Happy Scrapbooks** are meeting tonight, **Wednesday, January 8**, to practice skills, discuss techniques, and learn from fellow scrapbookers. Meet in the Learning Center from 4:00 - 6:00pm. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

**Tomorrow, Thursday, January 9**, join the **Alzheimer's Association** for a workshop entitled "**Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body**" from 1:00 - 2:00pm in the **Fisher Meeting Room**. Explore research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement to help build a plan for healthy aging. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

Hey seniors! Join us **this Tuesday, January 10** from 3:00 - 3:30pm for another rousing afternoon game of **Bingo!** Winners will take home prizes! **Bingo** takes place in the **Fisher Meeting Room**; no registration required.

On Tuesday, January 14, a representative from the IRS will give a presentation entitled "**Online Accounts with the IRS**" from 10:00 - 11:00am in the **Learning Center**. Learn how to use your new online account to securely access your federal tax account and view information from your recently filed tax return. Registration required; click [here](#) to reserve your spot.

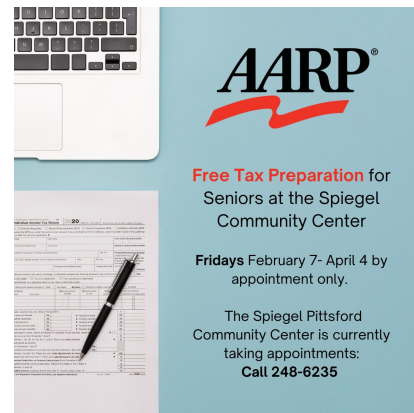
The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the sign up for the [Library's weekly eNewsletter](#), visit the [Library's online program calendar](#), or call (585) 248-6275. For complete Library information, including hours of operation,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

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#### **FREE TAX PREPARATION FOR SENIORS FEBRUARY 7 THROUGH APRIL 4**

***Advance appointment required.***

The AARP is offering a free tax preparation service for seniors that will transmit your return directly to the IRS. Tax preparation is available **by appointment only** at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center each Friday from February 7 through April 4. Call the Senior Programs office at 248-6235 for more information and to make an appointment.



The image shows a promotional graphic for AARP's free tax preparation service. On the left, there is a photograph of a laptop keyboard and a tax form with a pen resting on it. On the right, the AARP logo is displayed in red and black. Below the logo, the text reads: "Free Tax Preparation for Seniors at the Spiegel Community Center", "Fridays February 7- April 4 by appointment only.", and "The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is currently taking appointments: Call 248-6235".

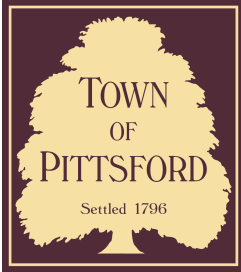
Last year, the AARP served a total of 563 clients! Each client saved approximately \$350 - the cost of having a tax return prepared by a professional - meaning a total of \$197,000 was saved overall! Call to make your appointment today!

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#### **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**

- **"Meet January!" Story Stroll**, 1/13 – 1/19, field at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 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.
- **[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, 1/8, 6:00pm, Fletcher Steele Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State 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)
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 1/9, 6:30pm, Town Hall, Public Meeting Room (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 Pittsford 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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