



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean
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Community

*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 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.

SHRUB SALE: THINK SPRING WITH MONROE COUNTY'S TREE, SHRUB AND PLANT PRE-ORDER PROGRAM

Order deadline is Friday, March 7

Winter will be here a while, but it's not too early to plan for your spring native planting project – and you can help conservation efforts in our area while you do! The Monroe County Soil & Water District is selling tree seedling and transplants to landowners to **establish windbreaks, reforest land, prevent soil erosion, create suitable wildlife habitats, and add value to your property.**



The Monroe County Soil and Water (MCSW) Conservation District's annual Conservation Tree, Shrub, and Plant pre-order program is currently underway, offering a wide variety of evergreens, hardwood trees, shrubs, wildflowers, groundcovers, seed mixes, plant variety conservation packs, and even enhancement items like bluebird nesting boxes and bat roosting boxes! Proceeds from the annual sale will benefit the MCSW Conservation District's education and preservation programs.

The catalog offers great choices for suburban conservationists, including a Wild Berry Multi-Pack – featuring 10 plants, including three elderberry, native raspberry, two shadblow serviceberry and red mulberry – and an Evergreen Multi-Pack that contains 10 plants with two of each of the following species: Balsam Fir, Colorado Blue Spruce, Eastern White Pine, Fraser Fir, and White Spruce. Packages range in unit size and price, from a bundle of 10 spruces, pines, or fir trees for as low as \$38, to seed packets as low as \$12.00.

Native species new to the program this year include shrubs like the Eastern Sand Cherry and Denise Blazing Star and a variety of deciduous trees, including Black Tupelo, Common Hackberry trees, Eastern Redbud, Red Mulberry trees – all showy, beautiful trees and shrubs that offer habitat and food for wildlife, attract pollinators, and aid in erosion control.

Planting trees and shrubs is perhaps the most effective way we can help keep our environment clean and green. In addition to providing shade, privacy, wildlife habitat, borders, windbreaks and snow fences, trees provide many environmental benefits not visible to the naked eye. They work as filters to help protect drinking water, clean the air of pollutants, help mitigate stormwater runoff and stabilize soil to prevent erosion, and reduce noise by acting as sound barriers. Trees can help cool your home in the summer and break cold winds in the winter, helping to reduce energy use. They can even add value to your property.

Orders are due by 4:00pm on March 7 and will be ready for pick up on April 24 and April 25 from 9:00am - 5:00pm at Monroe County's Eco park facility (10 Avion Drive, Rochester 14624). To find the 2025 catalog, fillable online and printable order forms,

a plant fact sheet and planting tips, visit the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District's [Tree and Shrub Program web page](#).

A Tree & Shrub Overstock Sale will take place on Saturday, April 26 from 9:00am-11:00am, or until all species are sold out, at Monroe County Eco park (10 Avion Drive). Note that not all species may be available at that time. Items are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. For further information, visit the MCSW Conservation District website at www.monroecountyswcd.org, email mcswcd@monroecounty.gov or call the MCSW Conservation District office Monday - Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm, at (585) 753-7380. Improve the environmental health of your property and support local conservation efforts – place your order today!

PANTHER PALS CHILD ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS OFFER FUN FOR AGES 4-5!

Pittsford Recreation's Panther Pals Enrichment Programs are fun, educational weekly programs for kids ages 4 - 5.

The **Panther Pals Science Enrichment Program** is a STEM program that sparks critical thinking, problem solving, and curiosity. Children will explore basic STEM principles with hands-on activities, challenges, making and play. Daily Schedules include experiments, observation, STEM literacy, open exploration, outdoor STEM or Math time, and carpet time for helping to engage and connect all we are learning to our day to day lives and world. The program is held each **Tuesday from 12:30 - 2:30pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center**. Register [online through the Town of Pittsford website](#).



The **Panther Pals Literacy Enrichment Program** is designed to nurture early literacy skills through storytelling, phonics activities, and hands-on learning. Children will engage in letter recognition, sound association, and vocabulary building that are both fun and educational. Daily Schedules will include read-aloud sessions, letter recognition and sounds, and exploration through stories. **The program is held each Thursday from 12:30 - 2:30pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center**. Register [online through the Town of Pittsford website](#).

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.

SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT PITTSFORD SENIOR CENTER – NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 1/17

Our Pittsford Recreation Department has wonderful programs for seniors - and our seniors do wonderful things for others! The Seniors Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, makes items for our Senior lunch

giveaways and for local charities. Craft Club is a wonderful opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others.

If you or someone you know enjoys crafting, or would like to learn something new, join our seniors this winter! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am. **The first meeting of 2025 is this Friday, January 17.** To get an idea of how many supplies we need, **reservations for Craft Club are required;** call 248-6235 to reserve your spot!



For more information, 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, visit our Seniors page at www.townofpittsford.org/seniors, read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Next installment of PCL Author Series, Exam Study Halls, MLK Discussion, and Spam, Shams, and Other Scams seminar!

Check out the wonderful programs and events at the Library this upcoming week! As always, be sure to look at 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:**

A graphic titled "Upcoming Events & Programs at the PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY". It lists four events in a table-like format with icons:

- The Age of Loneliness** - 1/15 from 6:30 - 7:30pm (Icon: book)
- Exam Study Halls** - 1/16 - 1/23 (Icon: person at desk)
- King at a Crossroads: Human Rights in Rochester** - 1/20 from 6:30 - 7:30pm (Icon: portrait of Martin Luther King Jr.)
- Spams, Shams, and Other Scams** - 1/21 from 12:30 - 2:00 (Icon: envelope)

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

Join Laura Marris, a writer and translator teaching creative writing at the University at Buffalo, will give an online presentation about her debut essay collection **The Age of Loneliness**. Marris's essays reframe environmental degradation by setting aside the conventional, catastrophic framework of the Anthropocene in favor of that of the Eremocene, the age of loneliness. The discussion takes place today, **Wednesday, January 15 from 6:30 - 7:30pm**. This is an online event and registration is required; register through the [Library's online calendar](#) to receive an event URL through your email.

It's Regents exam time! The Library is once again providing **Exam Study Halls** in the Fisher Meeting Room for students who are studying for exams. Registration is not required. Exam Study Halls take place at the following times:

- Tuesday, January 16 from 2:00 - 8:00pm
- Friday, January 17 from 2:00 - 6:00pm
- Saturday, January 18 from 10:00am - 5:00pm
- Sunday, January 19 from 2:00 - 5:00pm
- Tuesday, January 21 from 2:30 - 8:00pm
- Wednesday, January 22 from 2:30 - 8:00pm
- Thursday, January 23 from 2:00 - 8:00pm

Join Dr. Laura Warren Hill, author of *Strike the Hammer While the Iron is Hot: The Black Freedom Struggle in Rochester, NY, 1940-1970* for a presentation entitled **King at a Crossroads: Human Rights in Rochester** on **Monday, January 20** from **6:30 - 7:30pm**. She will discuss activist life of Martin Luther King Jr. and his connection to the civil rights movement in Rochester. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

Join technology instructor Daniel Jones for a seminar entitled **Spam, Shams, and Other Scams** on **Tuesday, January 21**, from **12:30 - 2:00pm**. Jones will discuss how to avoid scams that are pervasive on the web.

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.

PITTSFORD REC'S ACTIVITY BOXES PROVIDE KIDS WITH AT-HOME FUN

Looking for something new and fun for your child to do this winter? Look no further – try our fun-themed Activity Boxes from Pittsford Recreation! Each Activity Box is \$15 and includes all the supplies your child needs to create crafts, activities and experiments.

Register for the Winter Wonderland Activity Box by this Friday, January 17, and pick it up at the Community Center any time on or after Friday, January 24. Call (585) 248-6280 with any questions.



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PITTSFORD PTSA CALLS FOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS *Nominations due by 2/14/2025*

The Pittsford PTSA invites Pittsford residents to recognize those special individuals who go above and beyond to support the students of Pittsford. Nominate teachers, staff, coaches, parents, community members, and Pittsford affiliates who have an established record of serving Pittsford's youth for the 2024 Pittsford PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award.

Award recipients are chosen by a committee of PTSA leaders from nominees submitted by the entire Pittsford community.

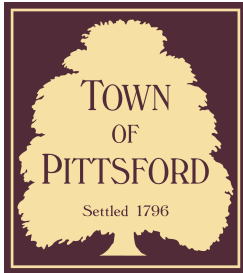
Nominees must have demonstrated dedication to the youth of Pittsford in three



categories:

- **Volunteer efforts** and/or significant contributions above and beyond normal position expectations over an extended period of time.
- **Outstanding personal qualities** that have enabled the nominee to serve as a role model for youth.
- **Ongoing availability** and willingness to serve the needs of youth, directly or in an administrative capacity.

To make a nomination and for more information, visit the Pittsford PTSA website at pittsfordptsa.net/lifemembershipaward. Nominations are due by February 14, 2025. A ceremony to honor recipients is scheduled for April 24, 2025.



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 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. 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 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. Comments can be made to 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

- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 1/20, 6:30pm, 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, 1/21, 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
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 1/23, 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

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 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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