



News & Reviews

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month, a time to observe and celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Black people.

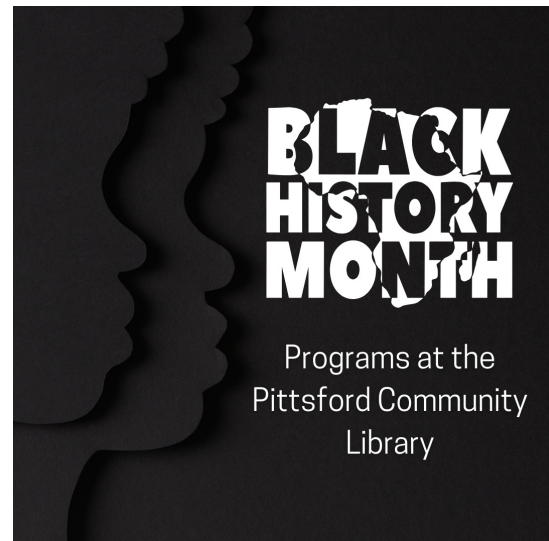
Three upcoming Pittsford Community Library Programs highlight the contributions of Black individuals to society and reflect on the struggles they've faced throughout history:

Celebrating Black History in Rochester takes place **Monday, February 17, from 6:30pm - 7:30pm**. The longtime home of Frederick Douglass, Rochester has been a city at the forefront of abolition and civil rights. Learn its history in a presentation by Matt Rogers (creator of The Lost Borough blog). This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

The Fire This Time: James Baldwin and Lessons for this Age takes place on **Saturday, February 22, from 2:00 – 3:00pm**. Dr. Jeffrey Q. McCune, Jr., the founding chair of the Department of Black Studies and Frederick Douglass Professor of African American Literature and Culture at the University of Rochester, takes a closer look at James Baldwin's 1963 book *The Fire Next Time*. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

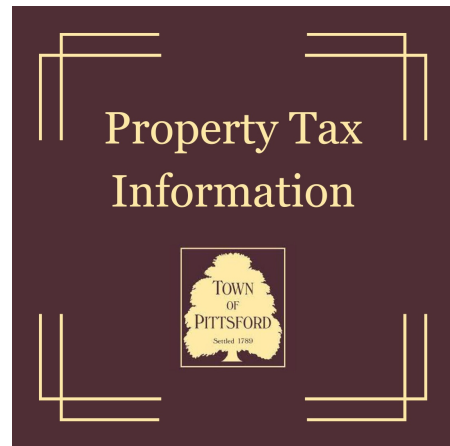
Jerry Bennefit, an Underground Railroad enthusiast, will give a presentation entitled **Life on the Underground Railroad** on **Wednesday, February 26, from 6:30 to 7:30pm**. He will use maps, songs, books, handouts, and other visual aids to show what it was like to live life on the run while introducing many heroes along the way.

All three programs take place in the Fisher Meeting Room within the The Pittsford Community Library, 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.



PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS DUE BY 2/10

The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is 2/10; first installments or full payments of your Town and County property taxes are due now due. Payment stub (see page 2 of bill) must accompany your payment for efficient processing. Please include a phone number on your check.



Make your payment:

- By mail to: Renee McQuillen, Receiver, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford NY 14534
- In person, Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm 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](#).
- **Reminder:** For those making installment payments, the second installment is due by February 28.

PITTSFORD RECREATION'S SWEETHEART DANCE IS THIS FRIDAY

The Pittsford Recreation Department's annual Sweetheart Dance will be held this Friday, February 7, from 6:30 to 9:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.



Children ages 5-13, accompanied by an adult, can dance the night away at this memorable evening full of music, refreshments, and fun! A DJ will provide lively music and fun activities. Don't miss this special night! Cost is \$20 per child /\$25 per adult. Register early as space is limited! Register online through the [Town of Pittsford website](#), or stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center to register in person.

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.

SAFETY TIPS AND MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT BURN INJURIES

Did you know that burns are one of the leading causes of injury in the U.S.? Every year, millions

suffer from burn-related accidents, but many of these injuries can be prevented. This National Burn Awareness Week, take a moment to learn about burn safety. Keep hot liquids and flames out of reach of children, wear protective gear when handling hot objects, and know how to react if someone gets burned.

Even in 2025, there are many misconceptions about burn injuries. Misconceptions can be harmful because they often lead to delayed or improper treatment, which can worsen the injury, prolong recovery, and increase pain and discomfort. Here are some common misconceptions about burn injuries, with suggestions for what to do instead.

Safety Tips and Misconceptions About Burn Injuries

All burns required the same treatment.	T or F
Minor burns don't need medical attention.	T or F
You should use butter or ointments on a burn.	T or F
Burns only happen from fire.	T or F
Sunburns are harmless.	T or F
Once the burn heals, it's over.	T or F

- **"All burns require the same treatment."** Many people think that you should always apply ice or ice-cold water to a burn, but this can cause more skin damage. For most burns, especially first-degree burns, it's best to run cool (not cold) water over the area for at least 10-20 minutes to reduce heat and prevent further injury.
- **"Minor burns don't need medical attention."** Even small burns can get infected or worsen if not properly treated. It's important to assess the burn and seek medical advice, especially if it's larger than 3 inches, on sensitive areas (like the face or joints), or shows signs of infection (like redness or pus).
- **"You should use butter or ointments on a burn."** Applying butter, oils, or creams can trap heat in the skin, which may worsen the burn. The best approach is to use cool, clean water and keep the burn clean and dry.
- **"Burns only happen from fire."** Burns can happen from various sources—not just fire. Hot liquids (like water or coffee) and electrical and chemical burns are common causes of injury. Each type requires a different first-aid treatment.
- **"Sunburns are harmless."** Sunburns can cause long-term skin damage, increasing the risk of skin cancer. (And they're painful!) Protecting your skin with sunscreen, wearing protective clothing, and avoiding excessive sun exposure can help prevent burns and long-term skin damage.
- **"Once the burn heals, it's over."** Even after the burn appears healed, there may still be underlying damage to the skin, and scars can form. It's essential to protect the area from further irritation and to monitor for any delayed effects, like infections or complications.

Talk with your child about what to do if they have a burn injury. Children are especially vulnerable to burn injuries due to their curiosity, lack of awareness, and small size. Early education about burn safety builds awareness and confidence, helping kids avoid injuries and respond quickly and effectively if something happens.

For more information, visit the [American Burn Association's National Burn Awareness Week web page](#).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Create a flurry of hope! Those who give blood now through February 28 receive a \$15 e-gift card.

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, February 7, from 10:00am-3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.

Maximize your blood donation and help more patients! If you are an eligible type O, B, or A donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/manage-my-donations/rapidpass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Donating blood is simple, but it can make an enormous difference in the lives of others. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
Pittsford Library

Meeting Room
24 State Street
Pittsford, NY 14534



Friday, February 7, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"MEET FEBRUARY" 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, February 10, through Sunday, February 16. Families can stroll inside the bright and warm Community Center while reading "Meet February!" by April Martin.

"Meet February" by April Martin tells the story of a young girl named February (Feb) who is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her new baby sibling. Feb imagines all sorts of wonderful things about having a baby in the house, but things aren't quite as she pictured when the baby arrives. The baby cries, sleeps a lot, and requires a lot of attention, leaving Feb feeling a little left out and jealous. The book explores Feb's feelings as she adjusts to having a new sibling and eventually finds her own special place in the family dynamic. It's a relatable story about sibling rivalry and the challenges and joys of welcoming a new baby.

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 "March" during our next Story Stroll, which will take place March 10 - 16.

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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, 2/7

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.

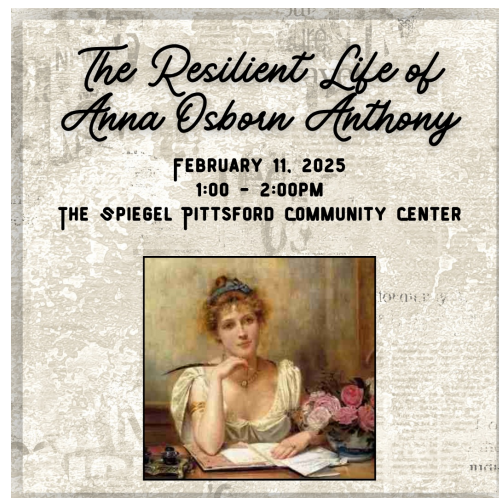


If you or someone you know enjoys crafting or wants to learn something new, join our seniors this winter! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Our next meeting is this Friday, February 7.** Reservations are required to get an idea of how many supplies we need; call 248-6235 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.

"THE RESILIENT LIFE OF ANNA OSBORN ANTHONY" PRESENTATION AT PITTSFORD SENIOR CENTER - 2/11

Seniors, join local author Jeanne Gehret as she presents true stories and "scrapbook" images from the life of Susan B. Anthony's sister-in-law, Annie. Her presentation, entitled "The Resilient Life of Anna Osborn," will take place at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center this **Tuesday, February 11, from 1:00 to 2:00pm.** This event is free and open to the public.



Jeanne Gehret draws inspiration from her hometown hero, Susan B. Anthony, for much of her writing. Her new series of books, the Dauntless series, focuses on Susan B. Anthony's brother, Daniel, and his wife, Anna. Gehret was a docent for several years at the Susan B. Anthony House and has been performing historic re-enactments of Susan for twenty-five years and has the largest continuous Anthony family blog on record. She is also the author of several children's books. Visit her website at www.jeannegehretauthor.com.

[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](#)

PITTSFORD PTSA CALLS FOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS

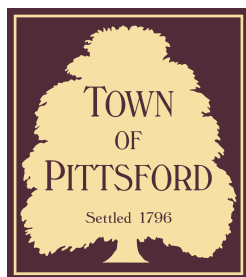
Nominations due by 2/14/2025T

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 with an established record of serving Pittsford's youth for the 2024 Pittsford PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award.

A committee of PTSA leaders chooses award recipients 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.
- 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 to find out 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

- **Sweetheart Dance** - children ages 5 to 13 can dance the night away, accompanied by an adult, Friday, 2/9, 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
- **Meet February Story Stroll**: 2/6 - 2/12, inside 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

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 2/10, 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
- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 2/12, 6:00pm, Fletcher Steele Meeting 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

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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) 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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