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TOWN BOARD MEETING MOVED TO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

The next Town Board Meeting, originally scheduled for February 18, **has been moved to February 26**. The meeting will take place at 6:00 in the lower level meeting room at Town Hall, located at 11 South Main Street. This meeting can also be viewed on the [Town Board Live Stream](#). More information and instructions on how to access and view the meeting can be found on page two of the meeting agenda, which is posted on the [Agendas and Minutes page](#).

Town Board Meeting
*NOTE DATE CHANGE
Tuesday, 2/26/2025
Town Hall Meeting Room
11 South Main Street
6:00pm



CELEBRATING ROCHESTER'S HEROES THIS FEBRUARY

Rochester is rightly proud of its civil rights legacy and its two greatest advocates, suffragist leader **Susan B. Anthony** and **Frederick Douglass**, an abolitionist, writer, and great orator.

Anthony spearheaded the women's rights movement by fighting for women's right to vote. She famously had herself arrested for voting in the 1872 presidential election. Rochester, her home town, was where she helped organize various women's rights conventions.

Rochester was also, for a time, home to Frederick Douglass and his abolitionist newspapers, the North Star and the Frederick Douglass Paper. While living here, Douglass played a prominent role in the Underground Railroad. His home was a key

station on its route, providing a safe space for those escaping slavery as they traveled to nearby Canada.

Rochester was where Anthony and Douglass formed a strong friendship, which developed from their shared and deeply held commitments. Their collaboration helped shape the movements for both abolition and women's suffrage. Douglass supported women's suffrage. His work alongside Anthony emphasized the importance of equality for all. Anthony, in turn, gave impassioned speeches against slavery, was involved with the American Anti-Slavery Society, and was a prominent advocate for the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which abolished slavery in 1865. Their shared vision and mutual respect helped push forward both causes, leaving an indelible mark on American history.

The two nearly shared a birthday! Douglass, who was into slavery and didn't know precisely when he was born, chose to celebrate his birthday on February 14 because he remembered his mother calling him "Little Valentine." Susan B. Anthony was born two years later, on February 15, 1820.

Happy birthday to Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony, Rochester heroes who shaped American history. To paraphrase Rosa Parks, the memory of your lives, works, and deeds will continue in others.

VETERAN'S PROJECT VOLUNTEER SEEKS ROSIE THE RIVETER STORIES

On March 18, the Fairport Museum will host an award ceremony and a 100th birthday party for Mary Masciangelo, a Fairport Rosie the Riveter. This joint event will take place at 1:00pm and will be hosted by Pittsford Historian Vicki Profitt.

Rosie the Riveter is a cultural symbol of World War II, representing the women who worked in factories and shipyards to produce munitions and war supplies during the war. Rosie symbolizes women's strength and capability, as depicted in the iconic "We Can Do It" poster.



Cindy Rickett, a volunteer for the Veteran's History Project, is **currently seeking Pittsford Rosies or family members of Rosies who would like to attend the event.** She is working hard to get as many of their stories shared and archived as possible.

"These women did a remarkable job, and quite a few today think that their work and the speed in which they did it could never be duplicated. They kept our military in the supplies that were needed and did it incredibly fast. From riveting planes to inspecting lifejackets, these women worked tirelessly to help our service men come home safe."

If you know of any living Rosie the Riveters, invite them to attend the March 18 event at the Fairport Museum. If you have a family member who was a Rosie, please send their story and, if possible, a picture to:

Cindy Rickett
14 Vincent Dr
Pittsford, NY 14534.

The Rosie the Riveter Gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, at 1:00pm. It will take place at the Fairport Museum, 18 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY.



SENIORS LUNCH AND PROGRAM BY BETH BRANCATO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Reservations due Thursday, 2/13

Seniors, join us for lunch and program on **February 18 at 12:00noon**, where world-traveler Beth Brancata will present on "The Heel of Italy." On the menu is your choice of three pastas, three sauces, three proteins, three cheeses, and a variety of toppings with unlimited refills! Enjoy mini cannoli for dessert.

The lunch and the program will be held in the VanHuysen Community Room; the cost is \$8.00 per person. **Advance registration is required by February 13.** 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, [visit the Seniors' page](#) on the Town website, [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

PITTSFORD REC'S FEBRUARY ACTIVITY BOX PROVIDES KIDS WITH AT-HOME FUN

**Register by February 14*

Looking for ways to get your kiddos off screens this winter? Look no further – try our themed Activity Boxes from Pittsford Recreation! This month's "Little Artist" activity box will provide all the supplies your child needs to create their masterpiece at home. Each Activity Box is \$15. **Register by Friday, February 14** and pick up your box at the Community Center any time on **or after Friday, February 21.**



[Register online here](#) or in person at the Community Center. Questions? Call 248-6288 for more information. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. Activity boxes can be picked up at the front desk.

"THE FIRE THIS TIME; JAMES BALDWIN AND LESSONS FOR THIS AGE" LIBRARY PROGRAM



POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 12

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*. Initially scheduled for February 22, this event has been postponed to **Saturday, April 12**. Stay tuned: more details to come!

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Books Covers We Love, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, Mercy Watson Visit the Library, Cozy Puzzling, Classical Piano Repertoire with Eugene Boldeskul, Celebrating Black History, Crafty Book Buddies, Wildlife Rockstars: Animal Superheroes, and All Ages Bingo

The Pittsford Community Library's got February covered. They've scheduled many activities and programs for kids, teens, and adults – these are just a selection! 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 programs offered this week:



TONIGHT, join us for a talk entitled "Book Covers We Love" by the Art Director for the HarperOne Group of HarperCollins Publishers. Gain insight into how designers work and how the covers that draw your eye and earn your reading time come to be. The talk takes place tonight, **Wednesday, February 12**, from **6:30 to 7:30pm** in the Fisher Meeting Room; no registration is required.

Tomorrow, Thursday, February 13, join the Alzheimer's Association for a workshop entitled "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's" from 1:00 to 2:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room. Learn how to recognize common signs of the disease and identify the next steps to take, including how to talk to doctors about the disease. No registration is required.

Hey families! Join us this **Saturday, February 15**, from **10:00 to 11:00am** in the Fisher Meeting Room as Mercy Watson Visits the Library! We'll read *A Piglet Names Mercy*, enjoy activities and crafts, and take photos with Mercy! For kids of all ages. No registration required.

Puzzling is a must during cozy season. **This Saturday, February 15**, from **11:30 to 1:00pm**, join us for some Cozy Puzzling in the Fisher Meeting Room. Snacks and puzzles for adults and kids will be available. No registration is required.



Hear classical pieces by Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Brahms, an opera aria by Puccini, and popular songs from the 1950's-80's when Eugene Boldeskul takes a seat at the piano in the Fisher Meeting Room this **Sunday, February 16** from 2:00 to 3:00pm. Classical Piano Repertoire with Eugene Boldeskul is a concert for all ages; no registration required.

Teens! The next installment of Crafty Book Buddies will take place this **Monday, February 17**, from 4:00 to 4:45pm in the Storytale Room.

Encourage a beginning reader and earn service credit by becoming a PCL Book Buddy! Teen volunteers will help build young readers' skills. They will also provide crafting assistance. Grades 9-12. Registration required; register here: [Crafty Book Buddies - MCLS Events - Monroe County Library System Home](#)



It's Black History Month! Commemorate it by attending a fascinating "Celebrating Black History in Rochester" presentation by Matt Rogers, creator of [The Lost Borough](#) blog, this **Monday, February 17**, from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Bridges for Brain Injury, Inc. is coming to the Library on **Tuesday, February 18**, from 10:00 to 11:00am to present "Wildlife Rockstars: Animal Superheroes." Come to the **Fisher Meeting Room**, meet some animals, and learn about animal survival techniques and what makes animals thrive. This event is best for ages four and up, but kids of all ages are welcome! No registration required.

And finally, join us in the **Fisher Meeting Room** next **Wednesday evening, February 19**, from 6:30 to 7:30pm for All Ages Bingo! Everyone is welcome; no registration required.

ANIMAL SUPERHEROES

Wildlife Rockstars

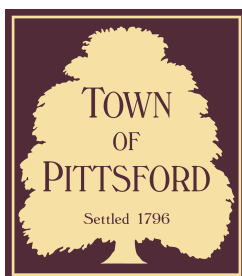



Superheroes have lots of special powers, but how many of those powers are also found in the animal kingdom? Join Bridges for Brain Injury, Inc. for an animal meet and greet and to learn about animal survival techniques and what makes animals thrive.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
10:00-11:00AM
FISHER MEETING ROOM

BEST FOR AGES 4 AND UP, BUT ALL AGES WELCOME.
REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, 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.



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 February Story Stroll:** 2/9 - 2/15, 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

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 2/12, 6:30pm, Fletcher Steel 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
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday 2/13, 6:00pm – **CANCELED**
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 2/13, 6:30pm, Copper Beech Park Extension, near North Main Street Library parking lot entrance; the meeting agenda is posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 2/17, 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, 7/16, 6:00pm – **POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY 26**

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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