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Pittsford Supervisor's spring report

On March 30th, I had the distinct honor and privilege to officially open the new Town of Pittsford Senior Center, located at 3750 Monroe Avenue. I am pleased about this because it transforms ten years of talk into a facility that I believe is much needed and deserved for our seniors.

As you will see in the floor layouts shown inside this newsletter, the new Senior Center has offices for the Senior Center staff as well as for the Elderberry Express. It has a large meeting room for various programs and activities. There is also a warming kitchen to support any meals the Seniors want to have brought in.

A lounge area at the back of the Senior Center is designed for more informal drop-in activities. Sofas and chairs in this area have been generously donated by Lauers Furniture and card tables will be available for playing cards, doing puzzles and other activities of their choosing.

My belief in the need for a Senior Center was shaped in two ways. One has been by watching seniors who, for whatever reason, begin reducing interactions outside of their home. The Senior Center will provide an opportunity for those seniors to escape the detrimental affects of isolation by offering social contact and regular activities.

I have also been influenced by several seniors who had a strong commitment and a passion to help their fellow seniors. Dora Braal was one of the original founders of the club that was formed to meet the needs of our seniors and was a staunch advocate for that group. Rosemarie Law, past president of the Pittsford Seniors Executive Board, was very active in finding a location for the Seniors. John Basnett worked tirelessly with me in exploring options and considering

plans for the development of a Senior Center. John passed away before his dream could be realized, but I know we have his blessing in this matter and I know his wife Elinore will be pleased for him.

Dr. Bill VanHuysen was another big influence in this matter. Bill was passionate and persistent in his work toward the creation of a Senior Center. His support has always meant a great deal to me, and I am glad to be able to deliver on my promise to Bill, John, Dora, Rosemarie, and all our Senior Citizens to provide them with a Senior Center.

Unfortunately, "Dr. Bill" as he was affectionately know by his friends, passed away just days before the Grand Opening of our new Senior Center. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, the official announce-



Bill Carpenter
Supervisor

ment was made by the Town Board that the Center would be dedicated in his memory and named The William T. VanHuysen Senior Center.

We're on the move!

The Pittsford Community Library, Town Court, and Senior Citizens Office are "on the move" to 3750 Monroe Avenue this spring. The library will be in temporary residence at this location during construction of the new library facility at 24 State Street. The Town Court and Pittsford Senior Center have long-term leases at this new address.



The moving process has been thoughtfully planned out with our residents' needs in mind. It is anticipated that the relocations will be accomplished quickly with minimal disruption to services and programming. However, there will be periods of time when offices will be closed to accommodate the moves. Please refer to the story on page 2 for details of closings and re-openings.

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Mobile household hazardous waste collection

The towns of Pittsford, Perinton and their associated villages, and The Monroe Co. Department of Environmental Services (DES) have joined forces to hold an *appointment only* Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection at the Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane, on Saturday, May 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

To ensure safety and reduce waiting, appointments are required at all HHW collections. Pittsford residents should call 248-6250 through May 13 to schedule an appointment or to ask questions about the collection.

If residents are unable to take advantage of this mobile HHW collection, the county's permanent collection facility is open weekly by appointment. For more information, or for business waste disposal options, call DES at 760-7600 or go on-line at www.monroecounty.gov.

King's Bend Park lodge reservations

Reservation requests for dates through December 31 for the North Lodge (cap. 99) or South Lodge (cap. 50) can be made by calling the Town Recreation Department at 248-6280. Please visit the town Web site for further details.

Town facilities

Three new locations

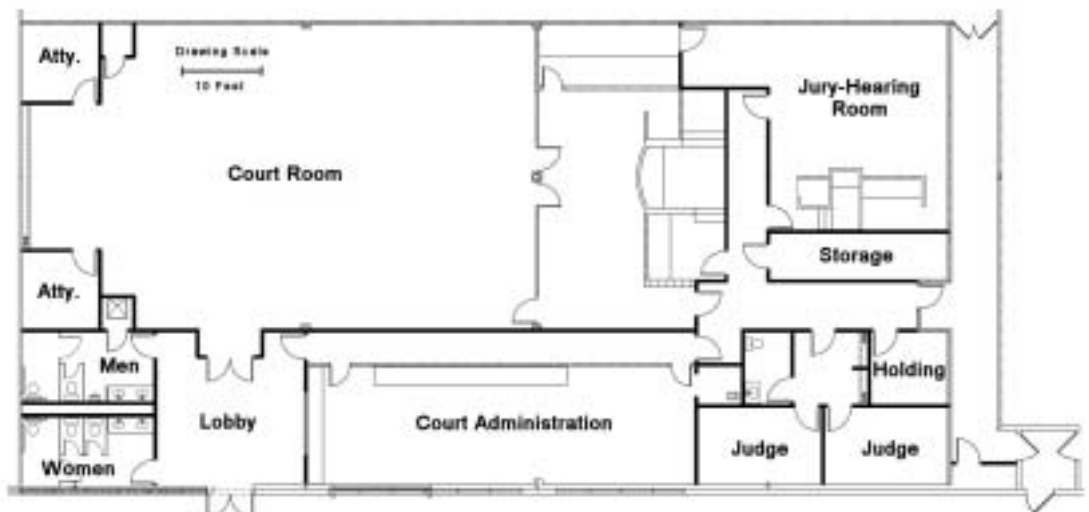
The waiting is over! The new Town of Pittsford Senior Center was dedicated on Tuesday, March 30 to the memory of Dr. William T. VanHuysen. Over 150 people were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony and to hear remarks by Town Supervisor Bill Carpenter, Corrinde Crossdale, Director of the Monroe County Office of the Aging, Kathy Johnson, Director of the town Senior Center, representatives from the Pittsford Senior community, and Kristin VanHuysen, daughter of the late Dr. Bill VanHuysen. We are proud and pleased to invite you to drop by the new Senior headquarters at 3750 Monroe Avenue. The welcome mat is out.

The Pittsford Community Library will also call 3750 Monroe Avenue home while their new facility is under construction at 24 State Street. The library will open in its new location on Monday, April 26. Please consult the town Web page and Cable channel 12 for library material borrowing and returning guidelines in effect during the time they are closed for their move (April 9 - 25).

The Town Court closes its doors at the end of business on April 14. Also headed for 3750 Monroe Avenue, their Grand Opening is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21.



William T. VanHuysen Senior Center



Pittsford Town Court

Town and community news

Citizen of the Year announced

Each year the Town Board has the distinct honor of announcing the Citizen of the Year to the community. The award this year will be shared by two prominent residents whose contributions and accomplishments are well-known throughout the Upstate New York area and well beyond.

We are proud to announce that Dr. Katherine Keough, President of St. John Fisher College, and Dr. Robert Miller, President of Nazareth College, have been chosen to receive the 2003 Town of Pittsford Citizen of the Year Award.

Both colleges, located in the Town of Pittsford, have forged a strong relationship with the community. The leadership of these two institutions is responsible for steering their respective schools to new heights in academic achievement and prominence. Under the guidance and direction of Drs. Keough and Miller, the role that St. John Fisher College and Nazareth College have played in our community has grown and benefited both the town and the colleges.

Jefferson Road Barns

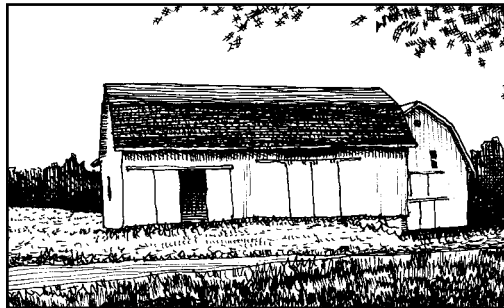
Historic Pittsford and the Town of Pittsford Historic Preservation Commission hope to "Save the Barns" at 165 W. Jefferson Road. The two structures, dating back to the 1880s, sit at the western entrance to the village and are an important gateway to our community, serving as a reminder of the town's past.

A campaign to raise funds to restore the barns got underway last fall. "To date approximately \$21,000 has been collected toward the goal of \$60,000," said committee co-chair Pat Place. A successful phonathon was conducted in February and several targeted mailings have brought in much-needed monies for the project. Campaign fund-raisers hope that the restoration

The Town of Pittsford and the administration of these two schools have worked cooperatively throughout much of the past decade to help each other be the best that we can be. Many community projects and events are jointly sponsored or shared with these institutions. Additionally, the colleges have opened up their facilities to the community for sporting venues and Town of Pittsford events such as the Family Halloween Fest.

The association of St. John Fisher College, Nazareth College, and the Town of Pittsford offers a unique opportunity for residents and students to share and enjoy our many combined resources.

The Citizen of the Year Award will be presented during the Town Board meeting on April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of Town Hall. All are invited to attend.



process will generate more contributions.

Structural work on the barns will start this spring. Restoration efforts will focus first on windows, doors, and the foundation, to be followed by siding repairs, power-washing, paint and landscaping.

The barns have been leased by Historic Pittsford from the Town of Pittsford, owners of the property and surrounding acreage.

To help "Save the Barns," please send your check payable to Save the Barns/Historic Pittsford, to P.O. Box 641, Pittsford, NY 14534. For more information, call 381-2941 or 586-5718. You may also email ptbplace@aol.com.

Lawn Debris Recycling

The town's 2004 spring/summer lawn debris recycling program is in full swing. A brochure including a schedule of pickup and a list of service guidelines was mailed to all town residents and is also available in Town Hall, 11 So. Main St. and at the Highway Department, 60 Golf Avenue.

Information about the recycling program is available on Cable channel 12 and the town Web site www.townofpittsford.com.

Service dates are as follows:

- *April 5 - May 6*
Early spring cleanup
- *April 5 - October 28*
Brush and branches
- *April 5 - December 23*
Grass, weeds, cuttings

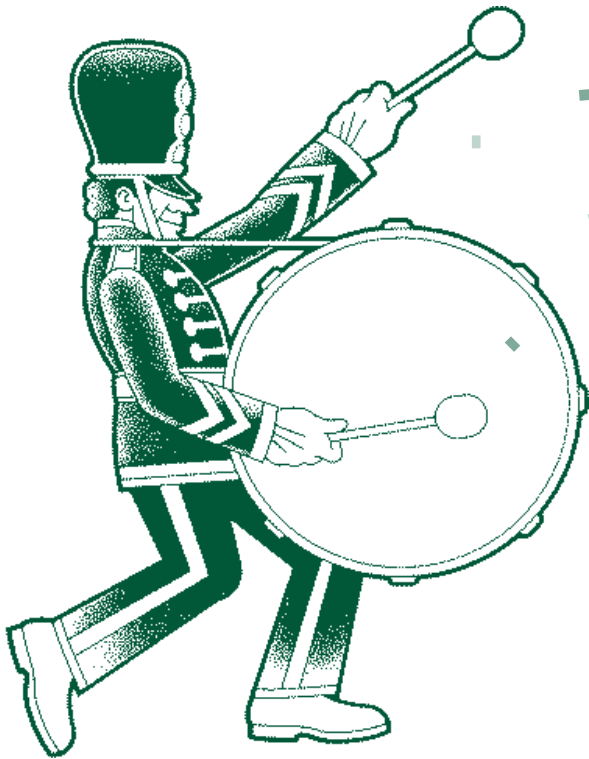
Rabies Clinic

The Town of Pittsford will hold its 2004 Rabies Clinic on Thursday, May 6 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue.

All dogs must be leashed and all cats must be in a carrier. Vaccinations will be good for one year unless prior Rabies Certificates are presented at the time of the clinic.

Staff will be at the clinic to issue dog licenses to Town residents. If you have any questions, please call Town of Pittsford Animal Control Officer Greg Wegman at 248-6240.

Upcoming events and programs



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Memorial Day Parade Monday, 5/31, 10 a.m.
- Positively Pittsford Sunday, 6/13, 2 - 9 p.m.
- Buffalo Bills Pep Rally Saturday, 7/31 (Time TBA)
- PYS Duck Drop Friday, 8/6, 8:15 p.m.
- Pittsford Celebrates Saturday, 9/18, 4 - 10 p.m.
- Neighborhood Softball Sunday, 9/19 (Time TBA)
- Family Halloween Fest Saturday, 10/23, 3 - 6:30 p.m.
- Candlelight Night Tuesday, 12/7, 6 - 9 p.m.

PROGRAMS IN THE PARK

A series of concerts and library programs are offered in the Port of Pittsford Park from June through August. Our 2004 performers are:

Concerts (6:45 p.m., Fridays)

- Mendon HS Jazz & Show Ensemble June 11
- Bill Tiberio Band (Saturday) June 12
- The Swamp Padres June 25
- The Coupe DeVilles July 9
- Me and The Boyz July 23
- Inner Journey August 6
- Pittsford Firemen's Band August 20

Library programs (7:00 p.m., Wednesdays)

- Jay Stetzer, storyteller July 7
- Tom Sieling, music July 14
- Wegmans ZooMobile July 21
- The Almost Amazing Bernaldo, magic July 28

See what's in store for 2004!

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