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Town Supervisor's spring report

One of the Town's core values is "community vitality." To promote a healthy and vigorous community we have committed our time and energy to creating opportunities that strengthen relationships and enhance community pride.

Our program of events is one of the most effective ways we support community vitality. Over the years we have expanded our calendar of events and attempted to provide a wide range of activities giving residents a reason to come together and celebrate our community spirit.

This year is no exception. We will begin with the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30th. Over the years we have added more bands and marching units to this event, and today Pittsford is recognized as having one of the best Memorial Day celebrations in the Rochester area. Thousands of people come out for the parade and patriotic tribute that follows in the cemetery.

Each summer the Town of Pittsford holds concerts in the Port of Pittsford Park, which is located in the Village along the Erie Canal. This year the schedule of performances has nearly doubled to include a concert every Friday night between June 17th and August 12th. Bring your family, friends and/or neighbors, a blanket and a picnic dinner and enjoy a lovely summer evening in a beautiful canalside setting. A variety of music has been scheduled including blues, Cajun, big band, jazz, country, and 50's doo-wop.

In July, we will welcome back the Buffalo Bills football players and staff who will be returning to their Pittsford training camp. Last year we moved the Pep Rally to a Saturday that we hope fits your schedule better. Again this year, our Pep Rally will be held on Saturday, the first official day of camp when veterans as well as rookies are on hand.

Our very popular street events are in the line-up again this year. "Positively Pittsford" will be held on Sunday, June 12 featuring music by the Pittsford Mendon & Sutherland High School Jazz Ensemble, Me and the Boyz, and the East Rochester All Stars.

New this year, beginning with "Pittsford Celebrates" on September 17, our event venue will be located in the parking lot behind the new Library, overlooking the Erie Canal. We believe that this space will be more conducive to events and more efficient for us in the setup and preparations.

This year, "Pittsford Celebrates" will take on an even greater significance since the date coincides with the official opening of the new Pittsford Community Library.

Our events continue into the fall with the 4th annual Family Halloween Fest which has become a huge success with families and kids. The year concludes with the always spectacular Candlelight Night that the



Bill Carpenter
Supervisor

Town of Pittsford is pleased to partner in with the Village Business Association.

The Town Board and I take great pride in these opportunities to promote community vitality, and we look forward to seeing you at our 2005 slate of events.

Town Hall Restoration Project

Phase 2 of the Town Hall exterior restoration project will begin next month. This project is a continuation of work begun last summer that resulted in a new roof for Town Hall. Described as preventive maintenance, Phase 2 will include replacement of worn bricks, re-pointing with new mortar, painting and glazing of windows, trim replacement around the main entranceway, painting of the front door and stair rails, installation of 4 storm windows, painting of turret and roofline trim, and replacement of aging, steel service doors.

As in all restoration projects, careful consideration will be given to match replacement products with original construction materials. Phase 2 is scheduled for completion mid-September. Please note there will be no interruption of services during this time. The project has been designed to ensure minimal disruption for those who visit or work in Town Hall.

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Town improves Thornell Farm Park tennis courts

The tennis courts at Thornell Farm Park are temporarily closed due to a parks improvement project that began mid-April.

The 6-week project includes complete removal of existing court surfaces and installation of new asphalt, fresh color coat, new nets and poles, and re-fencing of the playing area.

Work is progressing on schedule. The courts are due to reopen on Wednesday, June 1 - just in time for summer fun!

Town parks

With spring in full bloom and our days getting sunnier, warmer and longer, now is the perfect time to explore outdoors and enjoy our town parks!

Our parks offer hiking trails, playing fields, tennis, basketball and handball courts, a jogging and fitness loop, canal access, a launch site for canoe or kayak, fishing, playgrounds, lodges, and beautiful views of the community and our preserved green space.

Information about Pittsford town parks is readily available on the homepage of our Web site. Go to www.townofpittsford.com, click on "Town Parks" and pull up a listing of all our facilities and the amenities available in each park area.

Town facilities and services

Supervisor names new Commissioner of Public Works

Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Carpenter has announced his selection to fill the post of Commissioner of Public Works. Paul Schenkel has replaced Mike Garland who accepted a position with the County of Monroe. The Town Board approved Mr. Schenkel's appointment at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 5.

In welcoming Paul to the town organization, Carpenter said, "The Commissioner has an important role in the daily operation of town government. Paul, who is a native of Pittsford, brings a broad educational background and work experience in the field of professional public works. He will undoubtedly be a valuable asset to his department. We're thrilled to have him on board."

Schenkel most recently served as Manager of Technical Operations in the Monroe Co. Department of Environmental Services.

Prior work experience includes a position with the Town of Penfield as GIS Analyst and a teaching post with the SUNY Research Foundation.

Schenkel, 34, holds a degree in Community Land Use Planning from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University.

Joining the library construction team mid-project, Schenkel says, "my focus is on the goal of ensuring that the new facility opens on time and under budget." And in the longer term, "I look forward to maintaining the excellent public works services provided by the town DPW team."



Paul Schenkel

Make your home the solution to stormwater pollution

When it rains, stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, sidewalks, roads, and parking lots on its way to the nearest entrance into the storm sewer system. Along the way, stormwater picks up pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, detergents, automotive fluids and other pollutants. In most cases, the stormwater system discharges runoff to the nearest stream, river, or lake with little or no treatment. You can help protect and preserve our clean water resources by practicing these healthy household habits:

- Recycle used oil and other vehicle fluids at service stations. Please don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints and other hazardous wastes at the Monroe Co. Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

- Remember to clean up pet waste. Leaving waste on the ground allows harmful bacteria to wash into the storm drain and contaminate natural waterways.
- Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine. Pool water should be directed to a level, highly vegetated section of your lawn. Keep pool chemicals stored in a covered area to prevent stormwater pollution.
- If you have a septic system, proper maintenance is very important including a pump-out every two to three years.
- Do not flush household chemicals that can destroy the biological treatment taking place in your septic system.

For more information about the prevention of stormwater pollution, please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension's Coordinator for Environmental Programs at 703-4690 or go to www.thestormwatercoalition.org.

Town and community news

Town Board presents Citizen of the Year award

Amidst many well-wishers, Father James A. Schwartz, pastor of St. Louis Roman Catholic Church, was named Pittsford's Citizen of the Year. During a special ceremony preceding the Town Board meeting on Tuesday evening, May 3, Town Supervisor Bill Carpenter presented "Father Jim" with a plaque and medallion honoring him for his "hard work, generosity and dedication to the community." The standing room only crowd that assembled in Town Hall to witness the award presentation included parishioners, family, friends, community leaders, and elected officials.

Additional pictures of the Citizen of the Year presentation are available on the town Web site at www.townofpittsford.com.



Town Board members congratulate Father James A. Schwartz, Pastor of St. Louis Roman Catholic Church and Pittsford's Citizen of the Year. (Pictured from left: John Bernacki, Sandy Zutes, Rev. Schwartz, Bill Carpenter, Karen Green and John Higgins.)



In early April, the scaffolding and tarps came off the new Community Library revealing the wonderful detail involved in the brick, the precast concrete elements and window design and placement. Work progresses inside and out and is on schedule for our September grand opening.

We love a parade!

The Town of Pittsford's annual Memorial Day parade will step off promptly at 10AM on Monday, May 30.

This year's line-up is bigger and better than ever, featuring both The Crusaders and Empire Statesmen drum and bugle corps. A total of 5 marching bands in all!

The parade is followed by a memorial ceremony at the Soldier's Plot in the Pittsford Cemetery on North Main Street.

Go on-line and check your date

A new feature on the town Web site allows those interested in reserving a lodge at King's Bend Park to go on-line and check availability.

Go to www.townofpittsford.com and view the "Town Parks" menu. Click on the lodge reservation calendar to check bookings on your date. If your date is available, please continue with the reservation process that includes submitting a reservation form and a deposit to the Spiegel Community Center. The required form and park guidelines are available on-line. Please call the Town of Pittsford Recreation Department at 248-6280 if you have questions about the reservation process or the on-line calendar.

Upcoming events and programs



Jump and jive in 2005!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Memorial Day Parade Monday, 5/30, 10AM
- Positively Pittsford Sunday, 6/12, 2 - 9PM
- Buffalo Bills Pep Rally Saturday, 7/30, (Time TBD)
- Pittsford Celebrates Saturday, 9/17, 12N - 10PM
- Family Halloween Fest Sunday, 10/30, 2 - 5PM
- Candlelight Night Tuesday, 12/6, 6 - 9PM

PROGRAMS IN THE PARK

A series of concerts and library programs are offered in the Port of Pittsford Park located at 22 No. Main Street, Pittsford from June through August. Our 2005 performers are:

Concerts (7 - 8:30PM, Fridays)

- John Cole Blues Band June 17
- The Swamp Padres June 24
- The Johnny Matt Big Band July 8
- The Brad Batz Group July 15
- It's My Party (*PYS Duck Drop follows concert*) July 22
- JB & Company July 29
- The April Blair Project (6:45PM) August 5
- Pittsford Firemen's Band (6:45PM) August 12

Library programs (7PM, Wednesdays)

- Jay Stetzer, storytelling July 6
- In Jest, comedy/juggling July 13
- Jim McCarthy, family sing-along July 20
- Fran Carlisi-Paxson, Erie Canal tall tales/songs July 27



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