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Town Supervisor's autumn report

I strongly believe in the principle that government can be run in a business-like manner. Yes, there is a large difference between business and government, however private sector operating principles can benefit government operations.

An example of this is a Strategic Plan that guides an organization in its efforts to achieve its mission. The Town has had a Strategic Plan in place since 1997. It has helped us achieve a number of important changes to our organization since that time.

This year, we have completed a thorough update of our Strategic Plan. Our vision and mission statements have remained consistent and we have developed stronger statements about our core values and our goals. Our goal statements include the following

1. We will understand and anticipate our customers' needs and deliver services that exceed their expectations.
2. We will maintain efficiencies that assure the stability of town finances and taxes.
3. We will cultivate our workforce and align resources to efficiently deliver programs and services.
4. We will strengthen our sense of place and promote relationships that bring our community together.

If you would like to learn more about our Strategic Plan, we welcome you to access the document in its entirety on our Web site at www.townofpittsford.org.

There are a number of opportunities for improvement that have already been identified as priorities for 2007. Our next step is to form teams to work on

these priorities to develop recommendations for the Town Board and I.

I would like to issue an invitation to citizens who would like to get involved in this process. The specific areas of discussion will be:

- Local History Library - Developing a conceptual plan for how it will operate, as well as a facilities improvement plan for converting the property into a Local History Library
- Customer Care - Expanding opportunities for customers to choose how and when they obtain information about issues, programs and services.

If you are interested in joining a team to help develop recommendations for the implementation of these priorities, please send an e-mail to me at bcarpenter@townofpittsford.org or address a letter to 11 S. Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534. I look forward to hearing from you and working together in these exciting endeavors.



Bill Carpenter
Town Supervisor

Construction begins on Veterans Memorial

Work on the Veterans Memorial in the Port of Pittsford Park is underway and on schedule for completion in time for a dedication ceremony on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, 2006. The memorial is mostly a masonry structure, the primary focus being a marble plaque mounted on a 14-foot tall centerpiece, flanked by lower arching low walls and accented with subtle lighting and landscaping.

An opportunity for citizens to honor family members and friends who have served our country in the armed services, will be announced soon. The memorial site contains an area that will accommodate personalized bricks that can be purchased to pay tribute to Pittsford residents who have served the cause of freedom.



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Community Library resumes 7-day schedule

Weekend hours at the Library were resumed on Saturday, 9/9. The following schedule will be in place through 6/15/07:

- M - Th 10AM - 9PM
- Fri 10AM - 6PM
- Sat 10AM - 5PM
- Sun 1 - 5PM

Library programming

A complete listing of library programs for children and families, young adults and adults is posted on the town's Web site. Information is also available by calling these phone numbers.

Programs for:

- Children 249-5478
- Young Adults .. 249-5481
- Adults 249-5481

Budget Hearing

The public hearing on the town's proposed 2007 Operating Budget will be held in Town Hall, 11 S. Main Street, on Tuesday, 10/17, at 7PM.

Get town news delivered on-line

News & Reviews, the town's weekly on-line newsletter, is a popular source of information about:

- community events
- recreation and library programs
- board meetings
- services
- breaking news stories

Enter your subscription at www.townofpittsford.org.

Town events

Out of the country and into the town

The Pittsford Carriage Association brought seven carriages to the center of the village on Thursday, August 17, adding to the fun and fascination of the first annual "Discover Pittsford" community event. The evening's activities included a celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the Walnut Hill Driving Competition, the largest competition of its kind in the world. Carriage Association President William Remley accepted several proclamations from local government leaders, and recognition from Governor Pataki noting the significant contribution the Association has made to the State of New York.

The evening's events started out with a bang when the U.S. Army field artillery group from Fort Sills, Oklahoma demonstrated a WWI cannon shot. Visitors



Village Trustee Tim Galli congratulates Pittsford Carriage Association President Bill Remley on the 35th Anniversary of the Walnut Hill Farm Driving Competition, staged annually on W. Bloomfield Road in the Town of Pittsford.

to the village were greeted by red carpets inviting everyone to "Discover Pittsford." Shops extended their hours till 9PM and music was performed at 5 outdoor locations.

"Pittsford Celebrates" on September 16

The town's annual fall festival - Pittsford Celebrates - will be held Saturday, 9/16, from 2 to 10PM in our canalside event venue off State Street. Family amusements, food and music will be available throughout the day. Wegmans Cooking School returns to the festival with their popular demonstrations and a new selection of food tastings featured in the fall "Menu" magazine. At 6:30PM the Skycoasters take the stage with a performance leading up to a fireworks display at 10PM. *Come make it a day in Pittsford!*

ENTERTAINMENT

Giant Rapid Slide • Turbo Tubs • Trackless Train • Bounce House • Obstacle Course
 Gadget the Clown • Wild Wings "Birds of Prey" • Face Painting • Sand Art • Games
 Spikes and Mittsy (Red Wings team mascots) • Seneca Park Zoo Ambassadors
 Music & Arts Center • Emergency Vehicle Walk-Throughs

FESTIVAL STAGE SCHEDULE

2:00 - 2:50PM April Blair Project
 3:00 - 4:00PM Joey T. and the Formula
 4:30 - 6:00PM The Ifs
 6:30 - 10:00PM Skycoasters

FIREWORKS AT 10PM

20-minute display. Prime viewing from the festival venue in the State Street municipal parking lots.



Town celebrations



The reading garden at the Pittsford Community Library is an enjoyable space for browsing a newspaper or magazine, working at a laptop or sharing a quiet conversation and coffee.

Community Library celebrates first anniversary

The new library has been open nearly a year now, and it didn't take people long to find a favorite spot in the building for reading the newspaper, studying, and checking e-mail. The sofa and chairs

around the fireplace provide readers a cozy spot to pass the time. Tables and study carrels are frequently used by those linking their laptops to the wireless network. High school students made good use of the library and its resources to prepare for final exams. The children's library with its tree of technology, colorful mural and other special features has attracted parents, grandparents, and children in great numbers.

Details of activities may be found on the library's page on the town's Web site. The many adult programs in the expanded schedule are found here as well. The reading garden is in full bloom, with benches and café tables for use on pleasant days.

Since our grand opening on September 17, 2005, the number of items borrowed has increased 56% over the same time period of the previous year to 382,315 items. 240,148 visits to the new library have been recorded compared to 107,629 for the previous time period.

As you make plans for the fall, please schedule a visit to the Pittsford Community Library in its new home.

Fall calendar dates

- *Pittsford Celebrates* 9/16
2 - 10PM, town event venue off State St.
- *Public Budget Hearing*..... 10/17
7PM, Town Hall lower level
- *Yard debris service change*..... 10/26
Collection of bagged and containerized debris ONLY 10/26 - 12/21
- *Family Halloween Fest* 10/29
2 - 5PM, St. John Fisher College
- *Election Day* 11/7
Polls open 6AM - 9PM
- *Veterans Day* 11/11
Dedication of new memorial, Port of Pittsford Park
- *Candlelight Night*..... 12/5
5 - 9PM, Historic Village and Erie Canal shopping districts

King's Bend Park lodge reservations for 2007

Requests for lodge reservations in 2007 at King's Bend Park can be made this fall. Open registration (for residents ONLY) will be held at the Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, on Saturday, 11/4, 9AM - 12N. Non-residents may request '07 reservations beginning Monday, 12/4. If you have questions about the reservation process, please call 248-6280.

Yard debris service switchover

Collection of loose brush and branches will end on Thursday, 10/26. Debris in bags or containers will continue to be picked up through Thursday, 12/21. Please plan autumn yard work accordingly with your lawn care provider or landscaper. If you have questions about the town's lawn debris recycling program, call the Highway Department at 248-6270.

Extended office hours for payment of school tax

The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8AM to 6PM for the collection of 2006/2007 school taxes, on the following dates:

- Friday, September 15
First installment deadline
- Monday, October 2
Full payment deadline



Sunday, October 29 • 2 - 5PM
at St. John Fisher College

A trick-or-treat alternative for children

Games • Treats • Crafts • Music • Costume Parade
"Mad Science of Rochester" • Hay Bale Maze

Admission:

1 canned good item/person
Donation for the Pittsford Food Cupboard



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