

THE PITTSFORD MESSENGER

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Town Supervisor's summer report

On April 21, the Town Board and I presented the Citizen of the Year award to dual honorees - Pittsford residents William Brizee and Robert Farnam. The Citizen of the Year award recognizes individuals "whose hard work, generosity and dedication has improved the quality of life in our community." Bill and Bob exemplify the spirit of this award with their many hours and years of involvement on volunteer boards, with youth groups, emergency services and local not-for-profit organizations. These two men are role models and teachers who have "touched and enriched individuals' lives and also served, preserved and improved the community as a whole."

Our April to June calendars were filled with activities and events that I

hope you were able to enjoy with us including:

- the celebration of the Pittsford Seniors 50th anniversary
- the town's annual free rabies clinic (set a record this year for vaccinating 241 dogs, 140 cats, 1 ferret)
- a computer and electronics recycling event (collected 19,197 lbs. of waste thereby keeping it out of a landfill)
- a hometown remembrance of veterans on Memorial Day with our traditional parade and ceremony in the Pittsford Cemetery
- the Pittsford Triathlon on 6/1 which welcomed a new partnership with Buffalo Bills player Brian Moorman and his PUNT Foundation
- the Positively Pittsford festival on Saturday, 6/14

As a reminder, the town's Summer Concert Series is in full swing on Friday evenings through mid-August in the Port of Pittsford Park.

I encourage you to come out and enjoy the FREE performances in this beautiful location along the canal.

Building on the success of all other Town of Pittsford Community Events, we are pleased to offer a new activity for residents and friends - *Family Outdoor Movie Night* - on Thursday, 8/14. For details, please turn to the back cover of this newsletter.

Environmental "go green" initiatives are on everyone's mind these days. We in the town are looking for ways to expand our efforts to include day-to-day ways to recover, recycle and reuse. Deputy Town Supervisor Sandra Zutes will lead a group of residents and town staff who will work together on this priority. Please see Sandy's invitation, left.

Also in this newsletter are stories about where your tax dollars go, a new Nutrition Program, and how to use the town's Web site to enter a request for service(s).

As always, you are welcome to visit me in my office at 11 S. Main Street, call 248-6220, or email bcarpenter@townofpittsford.org. I hope you have a great summer.



*Bill Carpenter
Town Supervisor*



*Sandra Zutes
Deputy Town Supervisor*

Go Green Pittsford

Experts suggest that by 2010, 60 percent of American homes will buy organic, own a hybrid and be making efforts to save their planet Earth, yet most people have only a limited knowledge of how to actually make informed, green choices or have access to ways to recover, reuse and recycle.

The Town of Pittsford is beginning an effort to provide information and programs to help residents accomplish being "green" and to advise our own organization of initiatives that will promote environmental awareness.

I invite you to join me in developing a "go green" plan for the town and the community. If you are interested in participating with a group of fellow residents to explore possibilities of saving energy, saving money and most importantly, saving the planet, call 248-6221 to tell us of your availability. *Thank you!*

www.townofpittsford.org

Community Library summer hours

The Pittsford Community Library's summer hours, effective until Saturday, 9/6, are as follows:
 M - Th 9AM - 9PM
 Fri 9AM - 6PM
 Sat/Sun CLOSED

Get town news delivered on-line

News & Reviews, our weekly E-newsletter, provides updates about:

- community events
- programming/services
- board meetings
- current news stories

Enter your subscription at www.townofpittsford.org.

Plan some "Summer Fun" for the kids

The Town of Pittsford's Recreation Department offers "Summer Fun," a day camp for kindergartners through eighth graders, now until August 15. Families can register for one week or multiple weeks of affordable fun for children and youth ages 5 to 13. Games, outdoor activities, art projects and special events are included in the program cost (\$45/week). Field trips are available for an additional fee. Registration is ongoing. Sign up and pay online at www.townofpittsford.org - *it's easy, it's secure* - or stop by the Spiegel Community Center to register in person. You can also mail your registration to 35 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsford 14534.

Town services

Pittsford Senior Center will debut Nutrition Program

With the aging of the U.S. population, increased attention is being given to delivering health and related services to older persons in the community. Since adequate nutrition is critical to health, functioning, and quality of life, it is an important component of home and community-based services for seniors.

Thanks to the efforts of Monroe County Legislator Anthony Daniele, Pittsford's VanHuysen Senior Center has been selected as one of the county's Nutrition Program sites.

The Nutrition Program will offer an opportunity to share in a hot meal, partake in social activities, and maintain a quality of life for older adults age 60 or over. Suggested donation for lunch is \$2.50/person. This program also provides nutrition screening, assessment, education and counseling.

It is anticipated that the Nutrition Program will be available in Pittsford starting Fall 2008. For more information please, call the Pittsford Senior Center at 248-6235.

Update | Town, Village and School Collaboration

The commitment to work together across municipalities for the betterment of all who live, learn, work and play in the Pittsford community is strong.

The elected boards from the town, village, and school district meet once annually to renew their collaboration agreement and to identify ways to work together in the best interest of Pittsford residents. On a more frequent basis, the leadership team including

representation from each board and the village mayor, town supervisor, and school superintendent meets to monitor projects of common interest, share initiatives, and to discuss issuers impacting the community.

The leadership team is currently identifying measurable criteria for a "quality community." More information on this continuous improvement project will be shared in the near future.

Get it done online | Request for services

Did you know...You can make an online request for town services? No need to call or drive to our offices. Start by logging on to the town's Web site at www.townofpittsford.org, and then:

1. Create an account
2. Select a user name
3. Select a password

Submit your information via the "Service Request" link located on the homepage (page left). It's that easy!

A town staff person will send an email reply acknowledging receipt of your request and follow up with progress reports as we work on the solution to your request.

We are a secure Web site. You can be assured that the details you provide when you create your account will be safely transmitted and stored. As an added

convenience, the next time you log on, the system will remember you.

We are pleased to provide town services online. If you have questions about the Customer Service Request System, please call 248-6229.

**PITTSFORD CELEBRATES
 Saturday, September 13
 12N to 9PM**

**Featuring Nik & the Nice Guys
 Fireworks • Food • Amusements**

More dates for your calendar:

- Outdoor Movie Night Thurs, 8/14
- Family Halloween Fest Sun, 10/26
- Candlelight Night Tues, 12/2

Town news

Where your tax dollar goes

Did you know that *only 8¢ of each property tax dollar* supports the town's operating budget? In return, residents receive a wide variety of services including:

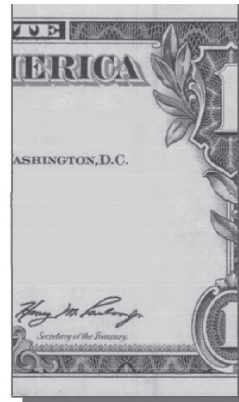
- repair of over 100 miles of town roads
- a new community library that houses a collection of 110,000 items
- 250 acres of active parks and almost 2,300 acres of passive open spaces
- recreation programs and community events
- plowing and salting of all town, county and state roads
- a yard debris collection program that collects and recycles thousands of cubic yards of material annually

For each of the past four (4) years, Pittsford residents have realized a decrease in their tax rate. In 2004 the town tax rate was \$3.13 and today it stands at \$2.79.

In January of this year, Moody's Investors Service upgraded to Aa1 from Aa2 the town's general obligation (GO) bond rating, with Pittsford becoming one of only thirteen communities in New York State to obtain the Aa1 bond rating. In their announcement of the town's upgraded bond rating, Moody's states that the town will continue to benefit from its track record of strong fiscal management, which is characterized by multi-year financial forecasting and conservative budgeting practices.



**School District
68¢**



**County
24¢**



**Town
8¢**

“Youth Day” at Buffalo Bills training camp

The Town of Pittsford and the Buffalo Bills will co-host *Pittsford Youth Day* at the Bills' VIP Training Camp (date to be determined). Complimentary tickets will be offered to children and youth with special needs in the Pittsford community.

Youth Day participants will attend the Bills' afternoon practice session, followed by an opportunity to talk with the players and obtain autographs. This event will be held in the Community Relations tent on the sidelines of the practice field.

The VIP Community Relations area is equipped with bleacher seating, snacks and beverages. The area is completely accessible. Each participant will receive a goody bag with t-shirt and memorabilia.

If you are a resident of the Town of Pittsford and have a child with special needs who would like to attend the 2008 Buffalo Bills VIP Training Camp, please call the Town Supervisor's Office at 248-6221 or email ldillon@townofpittsford.org. *Tickets are limited.*

Summer concerts continue through mid-August

The town's popular Friday night concert series will continue in the Port of Pittsford Park, 22 N. Main Street through August 8. FREE admission. FREE parking in municipal lots. Handicap accessible from the park entrance on N. Main Street. The 2008 summer concert series is underwritten by Village Coal Tower Restaurant, Bill Wahl's Microcreamery, Rotolite-Elliott Corp., ESL Federal CU, Canandaigua National and JPMorgan Chase Bank. Upcoming performances:

JULY (7PM)

- Blue Sky 11
- Joey T & the Formula ..18
- Brockport Big Band.....25

AUGUST (6:45PM)

- Janet Beaman 1
- Pittsford Firemen's.....8

Town services at your fingertips

Log on to the town's Web site at www.townofpittsford.org and register for a recreation program, reserve a meeting room or park lodge, enter a service request, pay taxes and download forms and applications. Get started with an online account. The "register" link is located at the top of every page on our Web site. *It's easy, it's convenient, it's secure! Log on today!!*

NEW SUMMER EVENT!
Outdoor Family Movie Night | Thurs, 8/14

The Town Board has approved a new community event for Pittsford residents and friends. Outdoor Family Movie Night will be held Thursday, 8/14 at 8:30PM on the campus of Pittsford Sutherland High School. Jerry Seinfeld's 2007 Golden Globe-nominated animated film, *Bee Movie*, co-starring Renee Zellweger, Matthew Broderick, Megan Mullally, John Goodman, Chris Rock and Kathy Bates, will be featured. Rated PG. Lawn seating and stadium seating available. FREE and open to the public. Bring a blanket, the family and enjoy! A Town of Pittsford Community Event with special thanks to major contributor Pittsford Federal Credit Union and sponsor Bill Wahl's Microcreamery.



**TOWN OF PITTSFORD
 Phone Directory**

Area Code 585

Animal Control.....	248-6240
Assessment	248-6230
Attorney.....	248-6220
Child Care	248-6295
Communications.....	248-6229
Finance	248-6225
Historian.....	248-6245
Library	248-6275
Personnel.....	248-6227
Public Works	
Building Department.....	248-6265
Fire Marshal.....	248-6265
Planning and Zoning.....	248-6260
Public Works - Operations	
Highway.....	248-6270
Parks.....	248-6495
Sewer.....	248-6490
Recreation	248-6280
Senior Citizens	248-6235
Tax Line	248-6215
Town Clerk	248-6210
Town Court	248-6238
Town Supervisor.....	248-6220

**After Hours Emergency
 248-6212**



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