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A Look Back

Last January I entered the office of Supervisor with a sense of urgency, shared with the Town Board, to restart our municipal government and get things moving on necessary improvements. Much remains to do, but we can look back on tangible progress.

- After years of delays, we’ve jump-started three sidewalk projects to increase public safety and make the Town more walkable. Work has begun on the **Calkins-Tobey-Mendon Center “Safe Routes to School” project**. In the spring we expect to start digging to install a **sidewalk on East Avenue**, from the Village line to the south entrance of Kilbourn Road. The next phase of the East Avenue project will continue the sidewalk from Kilbourn to the Brighton town line. We will hold public meetings over the winter and early spring to accommodate residents’ advice on this effort. We’re also moving forward with meetings to obtain public comment on the proposed **Stone Road Multi-Use Pathway project**, along Stone Road from Clover Street to South Pittsford Hill Lane.
- We made a decision on the community center. Now the Town Board and I have begun the master planning phase for the **Spiegel Community Center Restoration and Improvement project**. An advisory citizens committee will work this winter with architectural consultants to develop a preliminary plan for public review.
- We presented to residents for approval the **Community Athletic Fields Improvement Project**. You approved it in a referendum in September. We begin work in the spring. These improvements are important to families throughout the Town. They’ve waited quite long enough – for years, in fact. Now we’re moving.
- The work and scholarship of Town Historian Audrey Johnson has deserved a wider audience. Now she has it. Her new cable show “**Pittsford Personalities**” illuminates Pittsford’s history through interviews with long-time residents. It’s the Town’s first dedicated TV programming. Our intermunicipal agreement with Each Rochester, conceived and concluded this year, made it possible to upgrade Pittsford’s presence on Channel 12, with Audrey’s splendid interviews and with more to come.
- Last spring we began rehabilitating **Historic Lock 62**, working with the school district, Pittsford Rotary, the Canal Society and others to showcase this historical asset and open it to public use, learning and enjoyment.

We are one community with two governments, the Village and the Town. At every turn the advice and help I’ve received from the Village administration, particularly from my partner in municipal government, Mayor Bob Corby, have brought better analysis and decision-making to Town government. We work together for the whole community and the relationship we’ve developed this year is a feature of my first year in office that I value the most. Our work, in your service, continues.

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