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Paddle and Pour to kick off summer in Pittsford

The ground has thawed and the chill is gone. Pittsford’s summer events are just ahead. We’ve set the bar high this year, featuring a season of traditional favorites and some truly new offerings.

We’ve completely reimagined our first festival of the season, offering new activities and attractions for the whole family and in a new location. Our Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival is Saturday, May 23 from noon to 9pm waterside at Schoen Place. This day to enjoy the canal in the heart of Pittsford Village will offer live music all day, tastings from local wineries and craft breweries, local artists and an Artisan Marketplace for finding that unique handmade gift. On the water you can watch the exciting competition of the annual Pittsford Regatta.

We’ll have quality food from local eateries, presentations about Pittsford’s unique history as a canal community and activities suitable for children as well, including hayrides and a petting zoo. The unique canalside shops, pubs and restaurants of Schoen Place and Northfield Common, and those nearby in the Village, will be open for business. Paddle and Pour is a great way to kick off your holiday weekend – for complete details visit www.paddleandpour.org.

On Monday, May 25 we honor those who gave their lives in military service, and all of our veterans, with our annual Memorial Day parade and remembrance ceremony. The parade steps off at 10am from Pittsford Sutherland High School and continues down Main Street. The remembrance ceremony follows immediately at Pittsford Cemetery on Washington Road.

Our other traditional events are back as well. The Pittsford Triathlon (June 7), our Summer Concert Series (Friday nights along the canal, June 12 – August 14) and our Thursday evening Family Outdoor Movie Nights (Thornell Farm Park, July 30, August 13 and 27) are a great way to spend time with family and friends. Of special note: our Summer Concert Series kicks off with 2015 Rochester Music Hall of Fame inductee Gap Mangione.

We’ve added a brand new offering for our youngest residents. Our two Concerts for Kids feature great interactive music and fun for the whole family. Join us at 6:30pm in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford for performances by the Dady Brothers (July 8) and Mike Kornrich (August 5).

You can find more information at www.townofpittsford.org. I hope you can get out to some of our events this year. When you do, please tell me what you liked and what, if anything, you’d improve. Your advice helps us bring activities to the community that all can enjoy. You can contact me at bsmith@townofpittsford.org or 248-6220.