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Offering the best in community events for 2016

The shift in the weather has everyone looking forward to spending time outdoors. Preparing the garden bed and spring cleaning out the garage will soon give way to bike riding, neighborhood walks and a variety of activities and entertainment during the summer season. With this in mind, our Town staff members have been busy throughout the past several months preparing to provide you with our best events season yet.

We begin the season with a return of our newest signature event – the **Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival**, to be held Saturday, May 28 from noon to 11pm along the canal at Schoen Place, in conjunction with the Pittsford Regatta. Last year was our first for this community celebration featuring an artisan marketplace, craft beer and wine tasting, live music and plenty of quality food from local eateries. The following Monday, May 30, at 10am we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice with our annual **Memorial Day Parade** and a **Remembrance Ceremony** at Pittsford Cemetery on Washington Road which follows directly after the parade.

Our **Summer Concert Series** begins June 10 and runs each Friday night along the canal at 6:30pm (except July 1) through August 12 in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford. We'll feature two **Concerts for Kids** in Carpenter Park on Wednesday nights, July 6 and August 3, at 6:30pm. Our Thursday evening **Family Outdoor Movie Nights** return on July 21, August 4 and August 18.

We'll end the summer season with our annual **Food Truck & Music Fest** on September 10 from noon – 9pm. Last year was our first on Main Street and we're continuing this new tradition. We'll feature premier food trucks from around the region, rides and activities for children, a beer and wine garden, games and activities from local community organizations, and live music all day.

While most of our summer event planning has been completed, we are currently finalizing participating musicians, vendors and the like for some events – you'll receive our Community Events Schedule mailer by early May and we'll have all the event details on our website by then as well.

Looking further ahead, plans are also in the works for our annual Family Halloween Fest at St. John Fisher College, Candlelight Night and the Candlelight Crawl, and a new event for November we'll be announcing in a few months. You'll find these details on our website as the dates approach.

It is our pleasure to provide you special events and activities of the highest quality that offer a variety of entertainment choices. Should you have any comments or suggestions about our special events and activities – or how to improve upon them – I hope you will let me know. As always, you may reach me directly at 248-6220 or by email to bsmith@townofpittsford.org.