

Spiegel Center project on target, Fields project award

We head into winter after a busy fall. September's Food Truck and Music Fest and our Family Halloween Fest were both very well attended: two venues for residents to come together to enjoy each other's company and our community. Thanks to the generosity of those attending the Halloween Fest, the Town collected 27 boxes of food (1,080 pounds) and \$245 in cash to benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Some additional highlights and current updates for the season are below.

Community Center Project is on time and on budget

The Spiegel Community Center Restoration and Improvement project continues on schedule and on budget. Crews have completed asbestos abatement work on all three floors and demolition necessary for interior improvements. Exterior preparation for the new entrance is complete as well. Work proceeds on site improvements, roof work, and new plumbing and fire protection, HVAC and electric service. Framing for interior walls begins shortly. This project represents a successful collaboration of Town Board, residents, staff, contractors and planners, working together to move the project to successful completion as planned.

Full schedule of Recreation programs continues at Interim Recreation Center and off-site locations

We have a full range of recreation offerings this season. Program locations include the Interim Recreation Center at 5611 Palmyra Road (also is home to our Recreation Department offices), Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street), the Town's Senior Center and Town Court facilities at 3750 Monroe Avenue, local schools, and other offsite instructor facilities. Our recreation programs will continue at these locations throughout the Spiegel Community Center's restoration and expansion.

Town wins Exceptional Park Design Award for Athletic Fields Project

The Town recently won the 2017 Exceptional Park Design Award presented by the Genesee Valley Recreation and Parks Society. The award is for the Town's Community Athletic Fields Project. The Exceptional Park Design Award highlights projects of excellence. From concept to design to completion, our athletic fields project brought together youth sports groups, residents, School District staff and Town staff to develop a first-rate community resource. A collaborative approach that saved taxpayers money. These new and improved fields and related park improvements can now be enjoyed by more people, in more ways, and by those with varying abilities.

Winter program highlights

Pittsford Recreation offers ample opportunity to stay active and engaged this winter. Private and group **swim lessons** are available through our aquatics classes. The **After School program** continues through winter at Pittsford school locations, offering activities, adventures and fun. You can increase your energy and reduce stress with our **indoor yoga** and **exercise classes**. You can build strength and skill in our various **Martial Arts programs** geared specifically for youth, adults, and women. An annual favorite, our **Sweetheart Dance** on February 9 is a wonderful evening for girls ages 5 to 13 to dance the night away with their father or a special someone, such as a grandfather or uncle. You'll find all the details in the Pittsford Recreation Department brochure that's mailed to all homes, or visit the Program Info & Registration link on the Recreation Department web page of the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org.

Progress for Our Community

Pittsford's Athletic Fields Improvement Project, begun in its earliest planning stages in 2012, is now complete. Partnering with the Pittsford Central School District, we came up with a comprehensive solution that offered the most cost-effective plan for the needs of both Town and School District. Pittsford residents approved paying for the project in 2014. Together – Town administration, School administration and residents – we made it happen.

Our **Community Center Restoration and Improvement Project** is now well along in its final phase – construction. When completed in 2018, we'll have a lovely facility that meets the needs of Pittsford residents now and into the future. From initial public input sessions in 2014, through extensive public communication, input and meetings in 2016 and, after last year's referendum, through final design, the partnership among residents, Town Board and Town staff has progressed to a construction project that remains on budget and on schedule.

These two important projects, backed by voters in two public referendums, mark major improvements that will serve our community long into the future.

I hope you take advantage of our winter Recreation programs – perhaps even try something new this season! Should you have comments or questions about the Spiegel Community Center Renovation project, our Recreation programming, or any other topics, please stop by my office in Town Hall, call me at 248-6220 or send a message to bsmith@townofpittsford.org.

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