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“From the Supervisor” column
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Town Projects Under Way this Spring

With the wind storm on March 4, winter chose to go out with a bang, not a whimper. It knocked out electric power to thousands of Pittsford residents, but not the spirit of our community. I heard of so many examples of neighbors helping neighbors during the outage – sharing the warmth of their homes, checking on those without access to phones or computers, helping each other clear storm debris. We can all be grateful to our Library staff for stepping up to help those without power.

Over the course of several days, many on our Library staff committed to extended hours to give residents a warm and friendly place to gather, have a cup of coffee and charge cell phones. Since our community center is closed for renovation – and power was out at our temporary community center -- the Library’s efforts to establish a warming station were more important than ever.

My sincere thanks as well to Perinton Town Supervisor Mike Barker for offering Pittsford residents the use of the Perinton Recreation Center for warming, showers and other amenities during the power outage.

To ensure residents without power were aware of the amenities offered by Pittsford and Perinton, teams of Town staff and members of the Pittsford Fire Department went door to door in power outage areas, and distributed safety information as well. My thanks to these folks for their help.

The wind storm added substantially to our spring cleanup efforts, which began April 2. Town crews continue to collect loose piles of leaves, thatch, brush, branches and other yard debris as well as yard debris in paper bags or reusable containers. These efforts are ongoing. Scheduled regular weekly bagged/containerized yard debris collection begins April 30.

Town crews will soon begin – and in some cases have begun -- work on Town infrastructure, grounds and facilities to improve public amenities and quality of life. These include:

- The East Avenue sidewalk project – work already has ramped up for the season on this major initiative to improve safety and walkability in Pittsford. Our progress continues north along the project route. Rough grading, tree removal and utility relocations have begun and concrete pouring will be underway soon.
- Playground installation – while renovation of the Spiegel Community Center continues, as it has throughout the winter, Parks crews will be onsite installing playground equipment this spring. We expect the new playground at Spiegel to be completed by late spring. Town crews then will begin work on the new playground at Great Embankment Park.
- Parks and grounds maintenance – we will soon begin seasonal landscaping work at Town facilities, pruning, seeding and maintenance at Town parks, preparing athletic fields for the season, tree planting at athletic fields, and trail rehabilitation
- Highway Department seasonal work – crews will begin repairs to roadside plow damage – regrettably, an unavoidable consequence of snow plowing – roadside litter pickup, snow fence removal along state and county roads and planning for summer roadwork projects
- Sewer drainage restoration work – including seeding, topsoil restoration and final grading

Our Town staff takes great pride in the work we do for you. This spring will be busy but, as ever, our dedicated employees will do what it takes to provide the best possible services and amenities for you, our residents. Our Town employees are committed to this goal. As always, should you have any comments or questions on this or any other topic, please share them with me. You can stop by my office in Town Hall, call me at 248-6220 or send a message to bsmith@townofpittsford.org.