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“From the Supervisor” column

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Summer Events Season One of the Best Yet

Pittsford’s summer special events season begins this month. You can look forward to traditional favorites and some exciting new events as well.

We kick off summer with our **Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival** to be held Saturday, May 26 from noon to 10:00 p.m. along the canal at Schoen Place, in conjunction with the Pittsford Regatta. Our signature community celebration, we’ve made some additions to Paddle and Pour this year, including expanded activities for children and families. As always, you can enjoy craft beer and wine in the tent, live music, local artwork for sale, and food from local eateries. Be sure to cheer on our Pittsford Crew teams as well! The following Monday, May 28, at 10:00 a.m. we honor Pittsford’s soldiers, sailors and airmen who fell in battle with our annual **Memorial Day Parade** and a **Remembrance Ceremony** at Pittsford Cemetery on Washington Road which follows directly after the parade.

The Town’s **Pittsford Triathlon** is June 3 at Thornell Farm Park – a true test of endurance! You’ll find registration details on the Town website. The **Pittsford Car, Bike and Boat Show**, produced by local sponsors in support of the Pittsford Food Cupboard, is also June 3 at 11:00 a.m. in the municipal parking lot behind the Library. The **Vintage Bicycle Ramble** will be held in conjunction with the show at 11:30 a.m. The ride starts at the beginning of the Auburn Trail near Highland Avenue/Village Lane and continues to the car show. The group, and any additional riders who wish to join in, will depart the car show at 1:00 p.m. for a leisurely ride along the historic Erie Canal, to the Village of Fairport and back. The ride has a vintage theme – vintage bikes and dress are encouraged – but is open to all cyclists who would like to participate. I’ll be the guy on the ancient 3-speed green Raleigh bicycle.

Our **Summer Concert Series** begins June 8 and runs each Friday night at the canal at 6:30 p.m. (except July 6) through August 10 in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford. We’ll feature two **Concerts for Kids** in Carpenter Park on Wednesday nights, July 11 and August 8, at 6:30 p.m. Our Thursday evening **Family Outdoor Movie Nights** return on July 19, August 2 and August 16.

We have a special new event this summer as well – in collaboration with the Town, the **Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra will present a free community concert** on Wednesday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Parking Lot behind the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street). Additional details will be available on the Town website as the date approaches.

The **Corning Museum’s GlassBarge** – a floating glassblowing studio – comes canalside to Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford Friday and Saturday, August 25 – 26. Visitors can see free public glassblowing demonstrations and learn about glassmaking history and the role of the Erie Canal. The *W. O. Decker*, the last New York-built wooden steam tugboat, and the *Lois McClure*, a replica of an 1862 sailing canal boat, will also be part of the flotilla. Find complete information about the event at www.CMoG.org/GlassBarge.

Our annual **Food Truck & Music Fest** completes our summer events season on September 8 from noon – 9:00 p.m. Join us on Main Street for 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.

The end of summer doesn't mean the end of special events in Pittsford. Looking further ahead, plans are in the works for our annual Family Halloween Fest to be held October 21 at St. John Fisher College. You'll also want to mark your calendar for the Chamber of Commerce's annual Candlelight Night and the Candlelight Crawl on December 4.

Our Community Events Schedule, mailed to all Pittsford households in May, lists all of our special events for the year. The Town website has complete details for each of them, including participating vendors, site maps, band lists and the like. You'll find the information on our events web page at www.townofpittsford.org/community-events.

We're pleased to provide these special events and activities, which over time have come to mean so much to so many Pittsford residents. They offer a variety of enjoyment for everyone. My sincere thanks to our Recreation Department team for their dedication, creativity and hard work; their efforts allow us to bring you exceptional events right here in your community. If you have suggestions about our special events and activities, please let me know. As always, you may reach me directly at 248-6220 or by email to bsmith@townofpittsford.org.