

New Docks And Pump-Out Station Will Welcome Boaters

The Village continues to work toward our goal of making Pittsford a boater destination as it proceeds with plans to build two docks — one stationary, one floating — and a pump-out station near the Village Garage, located on the north bank of the canal just west of the DelMonte Lodge. The Village has applied for funding from the New York State “Clean Vessel Assistance Program”.

Owners of boats with sewage holding tanks will be able to moor at the stationary dock and use a coin-operated machine to pressure-pump the tank’s contents directly into Village sewer lines. The dock will be built over a permanent foundation.

The canal site also will include a seasonal floating dock for launching canoes, kayaks, and racing shells, as well as a landscaped parking area.

“This is an economical way to keep the canal water clean,” says Remegia Mitchell, Chair of the Land Use and Beautification sub-group of the Village’s Comprehensive Plan. “It’s also a wonderful way to



Photo simulation of proposed improvements showing dock, plaza, trees and lawn, new light poles and curbing.

Photo simulation of proposed pavilion, overlook, new curb, and tree lawn.



A WORD FROM THE MAYOR



Bob Corby
Mayor, Village of Pittsford

The Next 12 Months Will Be Busy Ones

Here's How We're Putting Your Tax Money To Work:

Over the past three months, the Village Board, the Clerk, the Treasurer, and the DPW Superintendent worked together to develop the budget for the fiscal year 2004-2005.

Over the last two years, when adjusted for inflation, Village spending has remained essentially flat. Because our budget is small, fluctuations have occurred to accommodate capital projects. The proposed 2004-2005 budget is consistent with this trend.

The total budget proposed for 2004-2005 represents a 1.3% increase from the previous year. Village revenues break down as follows:

Monroe County sales tax	
\$400,000	
Sewer rents	\$ 90,200
Permits and Fees	\$
12,575	
State Aid and grants	\$ 68,477
Village property taxes	\$286,784
Other revenues	\$247,886

Property taxes (representing 34% of the General Fund budget) and sewer rents (representing 78% of the Sewer Fund budget) are the only components of the Village's revenue stream over which the Village Board has discretionary control. Because sales tax receipts and other revenue sources have declined or remained flat, the Board has instituted a 4.5% tax increase that represents an average \$13 increase to Village property owners.

The adopted budget includes a variety of capital and other projects. During the past two years, we have reconstructed Green Hill Lane and Courtenay Circle. This year, we will complete improvements in the area with the reconstruction of Heatherhurst Lane.

We are continuing our improvement program for Village Hall with a partially grant-funded handicapped entrance. The project design was approved by the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) because the building is located within a National Register Historic District. (See accompanying article.) This year, we will be replacing the dead, ice-storm damaged and diseased trees located in the Four Corners area. We will be developing and administering two canal enhancement projects (Schoen Place and a pump-out station to be located near the Department of Public Works), utilizing \$225,000 in state funds. (See accompanying article.) We are also continuing work on our archives by securing grants for micro-filming and indexing.

In the coming months we will replace and upgrade the Village Hall's computer network. Street projects scheduled in the following year include reconstructing ten catch basins, replacing sidewalks on the north side of East Jefferson Road, and road surface treatments to Boughton Avenue, Elmbrook Drive, Grove Street, Locust Street, and South Street. We will use reserve funds to implement the next phase of our Village's decorative street lights program for State Street, Golf Avenue, and the canal west of North Main Street, and to replace needed highway equipment. In addition, a comprehensive Village-wide traffic calming study is planned.

In addition the budget provides the following services:

- Maintaining streets, sidewalks, and curbing.
- Maintaining storm and sanitary sewers.
- Monitoring, maintaining, and improving natural storm water drainage channels.
- Removing snow from Village streets, sidewalks, the canal towpath, and municipal parking lots.
- Providing weekly brush pickup during Spring, Summer, and Fall.
- Providing weekly fall leaf pickup.
- Street lighting.
- Building inspection/code enforcement.
- Parking monitoring.
- Comprehensive planning.
- Planting, pruning and removing diseased shade trees along Village streets.
- Maintaining the Erie Canal Park, canal frontage and other green spaces in the

Village.

- Municipal planning.
- Providing and maintaining flower baskets throughout the business district.
- Installing holiday lighting and wreaths.
- Providing support for events such as Candlelight Night, and the Pittsford Crew Regatta.
- Maintaining communications with our residents, business owners, and visitors through our "Voice of the Village" newsletters, visitors' brochures and our website (www.villageofpittsford.org).
- Providing other municipal services required by our residents and businesses.

During its' 177 year history, Pittsford Village government has adapted to changing times and demands. Today, Village officials and staff are working to protect and improve Village residents' quality of life, enhance the vitality of our commercial districts, and preserve the historic character for which our community is so well known. To improve the value received by Village property owners the Village Board and staff continually reassess the quality, delivery, and adequacy of the services we provide. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

To make information more accessible, the Village Board has made the Village Code available on our website at <http://www.villageofpittsford.org>.

In cooperation with the Town and School District, the Village is assessing potential applications for GIS (Geographic Information System) technology. With the help of the Monroe County GIS Services Division, much of the village infrastructure has already been mapped with GIS software. The Village has acquired hardware and software to allow use of GIS data provided by Monroe County. Thanks to Village resident, Paul Schenkel and Town GIS supervisor, Mark Bowersox for their assistance.

The federal government is beginning work to designate the Erie Canal as a National Heritage Corridor. To gain an understanding of the issues surrounding the canal, National Park staff are touring the state to interview



Village Office Becomes 'Handicapped-Accessible'

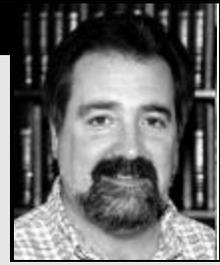
Thanks to monies from the Monroe County Community Development Block Grant Program, the Village Hall at 21 North Main Street will soon be accessible to people for whom stairs are a barrier.

A new entrance and a connecting ramp to the Village Hall (Wiltzie Memorial Building) are being created on the building's north side. This is adjacent to the handicap parking area behind the building. The new door will open onto the main foyer, just a few feet away from the office and the community meeting room. An existing closet is being converted to accommodate the new entrance.

The area outside the new entrance will be well lighted. The concrete ramp will be heated during cold weather to ensure that it remains ice-free. A convenient mail drop will be located next to the new entrance.

"We are being careful to match relevant design features evident in other parts of the historic building," says Steve Maddox, Trustee in charge of the project. The project was reviewed and approved by the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Village's own Architectural and Preservation Review Board.





Skip Bailey
Village Building Inspector

Property Maintenance

Residents often ask how the Village can help them get untidy properties cleaned up. Typical complaints include tall grass and weeds, garbage and debris, unlicensed vehicles, and lack of exterior painting. The Code of the Village of Pittsford and the Property Maintenance Code of New York State contain standards for the maintenance of residential and commercial property. The Building Inspector is authorized to enforce these codes.

Anyone may report a problem property to the Village office in person, by telephone, fax, mail, or e-mail. The complainant's identity is always kept anonymous. It is important that the Village be advised of violations so that the appropriate action may be taken to resolve the situation.

New Stormwater Regulations

New regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency require that municipalities have a plan to eliminate pollutants from their stormwater. Did you know that rain or snow that falls on roofs, parking lots, streets, and lawns enters our local waterways through the storm sewer system? This stormwater runoff collects contaminants such as automotive wastes, lawn chemicals, litter, detergents, and eroded soil. Here are some simple stormwater pollution prevention tips:

- Don't allow chemicals, yard wastes, or any other material to enter storm drains.
- Wash your car at a car wash, where wastewater can be properly handled. If you wash your car at home, park it on the lawn, where some of the water will soak into the ground.

- Don't wash your driveway; let the next rain do it for you.
- Use only the amount of lawn fertilizer and other chemicals that is absolutely necessary.
- Repair automotive fluid leaks. If you change your own oil or antifreeze, dispose of the old fluid properly, and clean up spills with an absorbent material.

More information is available at: www.epa.gov and www.thewec.org

Permits

Please remember that building permits are required for projects such as fences, decks, pools, remodeling, replacing windows and doors, gas heating appliances, and solid fuel heating appliances. Most exterior projects require approval from the Architectural and Preservation Review Board. Contractors are familiar with obtaining permits, and should be able to take care of this requirement for you.

Rand Creek

The Village is requesting that all property owners on Rand Creek check with the Building Inspector and the Superintendent of Public Works before undertaking any improvements on or near the creek banks. This will ensure that this important drainage way remains functional



John Limbeck
APRB

John Limbeck Joins The APRB

Village resident, John Limbeck, is the newest member of the Village's Architectural Planning and Review Board. John and his wife, Ann, bought their 1908 "Craftsman style" house two years ago and are enjoying restoring its vintage features. Before moving to Pittsford, the Limbeck's lived in Chili, where John chaired the Conservation Board and served on the Planning Board.

John believes strongly in the value of preservation efforts. "I've visited numerous historical areas where the architectural significance has been preserved," he says. "Preservation heightens community identity and promotes civic pride among residents."

John works at Kodak, where he is a Construction Manager. Ann Limbeck teaches art in the Spencerport school district.



Paula Sherwood, Robert Corby, Steve Maddox,
Glenn Brown, Tom Farlow



Anne Hartsig, Mary Marowski, Remegia Mitchell, Skip

Coming Up In May: Staff Training

Managing a municipal office is fully as complex as managing a business. Keeping current with new rules and regulations is an important part of the job.

Village Office staff, Anne Hartsig and Mary Marowski, and DPW Superintendent, Scott Spencer, will spend two days in Lake George in May, attending the annual conference for members of the Public Employees Risk Management Association, Inc. On the agenda are topics such as worker's compensation claims, OSHA inspections, improving workplace safety standards, and the effect of drugs in the workplace. Sponsoring the conference is PERMA, the Village's workers compensation insurance carrier.

Businesses On The Move

Springtime probably has nothing to do with it, but a number of Village businesses have migrated to new locations. Here are new addresses for some old favorites:

- Pittsford Wine & Spirits
(from 56 North Main St.) to Schoen Place
(the former Ski Loft building)
- Simply Hair
(from State St.) to 56 North Main St.

Also arriving canalside are four shops that will occupy Jeff Mason's new building on Northfield Common, 50 State St. (You may remember the fire that destroyed the site two years ago.) Stop there when the building is completed to shop at:

- Bill Wahl's Micro Creamery; Brambleberry Barn; Bearly Country; and Alain Hairstylists.

Welcome also to Shannon Bradley, new owner of **Port of Chocolates** on Schoen Place.

Eagle Scouts To The Rescue!

One look at the property files in the Village Office tells the whole story: Change is inevitable. Each property file has a photograph attached to it. But many Village structures have changed since those photographs were taken several years ago. Some buildings have new paint colors; some have had modifications approved and completed.

Soon all file photographs will be up-to-date, thanks to Philip Gigliotti, a sophomore at Sutherland High School. To complete work for his Eagle Scout badge, Philip is taking on the task of photographing every property in the Village—all 660—both residences and businesses.

To complete the job, he's recruiting, as assistant photographers, his fellow Scouts in Troop #336, headquartered at Christ Clarion Church. Advisors for the ambitious project are Troop Leader David Pepper and Village Building Inspector Skip Bailey.

Another important project was recently completed by Matt Cronin, a student at Brighton High School. During his spring break, Matt used pictometry and field observations to develop an up-to-date parking inventory for the Village. The information Matt has developed sets a bench mark for current conditions and will be



Scott Spencer
DPW

Yard Debris:

With the warm months comes the need for yard clean up. As a reminder, the Village is mandated to follow Federal and State laws regulating health, worker safety and debris disposal. The Village Board of Trustees and the Department of Public Works ask that you comply with these laws when placing leaves, brush, or yard debris by the curb:

- Place grass, weeds, flower clippings, apples, nuts, and other small pieces of debris in biodegradable paper bags or in reusable rubbish containers which, when full, will not exceed 50 pounds. Whenever possible, composting is encouraged especially for grass clippings. Refuse in plastic bags can not be picked up because the plastic can not be composted.
- Leaves may be piled loose by the curb during the fall. At all other times, they are to be placed in containers like other debris. Leaf pick up will continue as long as it is weather permitting.
- Brush and yard debris pick up occurs once per week, generally Monday or Tuesday, weather permitting. Branches should not exceed 6 feet in length. Limited brush pick up will occur from November 1 through March 31 due to limited equipment being configured for snow and ice removal.
- The disposal of brush and debris into the creek is also prohibited. Keeping the creek clear of debris eliminates a potential problem for your neighbors along the creek.
- Large trees and other debris gathered by a private contractor are to be taken directly to the Town of Pittsford Highway Garage on Golf Avenue by the contractor.
- Items such as water tanks, stoves, furniture, building materials, etc. can not be discarded by the Village Department of Public Works. Your private waste hauler can assist you in the disposal of these items.

If material or debris is left at the curb by the Village DPW crew, please call the Highway

Garage at 586-9320 or the Village Office at 586-4332.

Pet Waste Per "Village Code 69-18: Animals: Control of wastes; penalties for offenses":

- It is illegal to NOT clean up after your pet! Please help keep our walkways clean for all to enjoy. Pet waste bags are located along the Towpath for your convenience and everyone's consideration.
- In an effort to prevent costly repairs or replacement of syphons and to comply with the new sewer regulations, the Village will be videotaping our syphons to access the need for repairs this spring. Wood Creek pumps will also be rebuilt to maintain efficient working equipment.
- The Village soon will be busy with the removal and replacement of trees along Main Street. Hardy trees suitable to our environment have been chosen. This will be a first step in re-establishing the trees diseased or damaged by last year's ice storm and restoring the canopy of the Village.
- As part of the Village's Road Maintenance Program, DPW capital projects will also soon be underway. The reconstruction of Heatherhurst Drive is scheduled for later this summer along with the resurfacing of Boughton, Elmbrook, Grove, Locust and South St as well as some needed catch basin repairs. In an effort to upgrade and maintain pedestrian friendly walkways, sidewalk improvements are also on the schedule of repair work.

Other Reminders:

- Parking violations in the Village can be reported directly to the Monroe County Sheriff's office by calling 911.

Pittsford Events for 2004

May 31	Memorial Day Parade	10:00 a.m.	
June 11	Park Concert #1	6:45 p.m.	Mendon High School Chorus
June 12	Park Concert #2	6:45 p.m.	Spanky Haschmann (Swing)
June 12–13	Pittsford Regatta	All day	
June 13	Positively Pittsford	2:00–9:00 p.m.	Street Event
June 25	Park Concert #3	6:45 p.m.	Swamp Padres (Cajun)
July 9	Park Concert #4	6:45 p.m.	Coupe DeVilles (Blues)
July 30	Buffalo Bills Rally	6:00 p.m.	Street Event
July 24	Park Concert #5	6:45 p.m.	Concert and PYS Duck Drop
August 6	Park Concert #6	6:45 p.m.	Inner Journey (Jazz)
August 20	Park Concert #7	6:45 p.m.	Firemen's Band
Sept. 18	Pittsford Celebrates	4:00–10:00 p.m.	Street Event
Sept. 19	Neighborhood Softball	1:00 p.m.	(Parents Do Care Event)
Oct. 23	Family Halloween Fest	3:00–6:30 p.m.	St. John Fisher
Dec. 7	Candlelight Night	6:00–9:00 p.m.	Street Event

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