

First Lady Names Pittsford *A Preserve America Community*

*F*irst Lady Laura Bush has honored Pittsford for its historic preservation efforts by designating us a Preserve America community. With the bestowing of this Presidential award, Pittsford joins a distinguished list of honorees, including Monterey, CA; Steamboat Springs, CO; and Alexandria, VA.

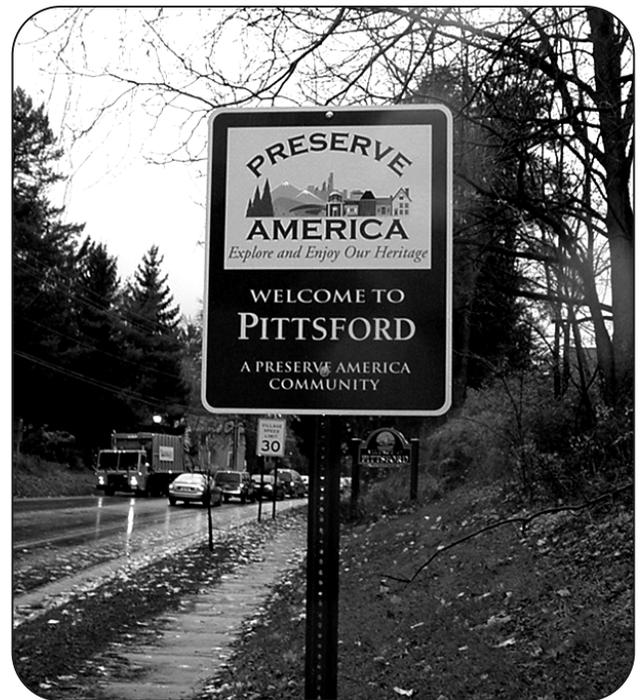
The Preserve America initiative, a federal program, recognizes the Village's success in preserving historic resources, promoting public awareness of its heritage, and encouraging community involvement.

The designation not only offers national recognition, but makes Pittsford eligible for federal funding for historic preservation and tourism promotion.

As Mayor Bob Corby pointed out in announcing the honor, "Village citizens and elected officials consistently have emphasized historic preservation as a basis for attracting private investment. In 1971, with help from Historic Pittsford, we enacted one of the first preservation laws in western New York, making the entire village a historic district.

"Our award-winning Comprehensive Master Plan integrates preservation policy with planning initiatives, helping us maintain a pedestrian-friendly small-town atmosphere. We continue to prosper because the qualities that people cherish have been maintained."

Communities applying for the designation were judged on how well they met criteria in three categories: Discovering Heritage through Historic Places, Protecting Historic Resources, and Promoting Historic Assets. Pittsford scored strongly in all three areas.



The Preserve America program is administered by the Department of the Interior in partnership with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Communities who are honored received national recognition for improving residents' quality of life, spurring economic development, and promoting tourism.



Bob Corby

Bob Corby
Mayor, Village of Pittsford

Traffic Calming Update

In December, the Village Board of Trustees anticipates adopting its traffic calming plan. The plan is a component of the Village's Comprehensive Plan which guides future development in the village.

The Village's traffic calming initiative encompasses six key goals:

- Improve pedestrian safety.
- Encourage safer driver behavior and reduce vehicular speeds.
- Enhance the walk-ability of Village streets.
- Restore the village's historic visual quality and the historic functional aspect of village streets as public civic spaces accommodating a variety of uses.
- Bolster the economic viability of the Village's pedestrian oriented business district.
- Improve village residents' quality of life.

To achieve these goals, the Village is undertaking the phased implementation of proven traffic calming techniques. This year, we installed seven additional "yield to pedestrian signs," reduced (*with the help of NYSDOT*) the width of traffic lanes on Jefferson Road and South Main Street, striped parking spaces on South Main and Sutherland Street, instituted "piano style" crosswalk markings. We are working with NYSDOT to further improve the traffic island at the North Main railroad underpass and install curbing on Washington Road.

We also experimented with a temporary narrowing (*known as a "chicane"*) on Boughton Avenue (*the planter*) and reverse diagonal parking on Sutherland. Observation, and the fact that many cut-through drivers complained, indicated both methods were effective.

Although the reverse diagonal parking and chicane had vocal proponents, we are discontinuing these techniques in favor of other measures. The reverse parking has been discontinued because Sutherland Street is not quite wide enough to ensure the safe passage of emergency vehicles. We feel the aesthetics and maintenance requirements of the temporary chicane can be improved upon.

Next year are projected plan will include the following:

- Acquisition of a portable speed sign.
- Extensions to the existing sidewalk network at Schoen Place and South Street.
- Making existing parking spaces on Church, Locust, Rand, Washington, Grove, Elm, and Lincoln.
- Requesting NYSDOT reinstall white edge lines on Monroe Avenue to narrow traffic lanes.
- Requesting NYSDOT reduce lane widths on North Main by moving white lines further from curb.
- Adding curbing at sidewalks in front of Starbucks to prevent cars from parking on the sidewalk.
- Installing additional yield to pedestrian signs (*South at Boughton and Maple, Grove at Elm, Rand at Elmbrook*).
- Installing new temporary chicane (*for side streets*) fabricated from rubber speed bumps.

As we have over the last year, we will be monitoring the effectiveness of the measures implemented. We welcome your feedback.

Preserve America

The Village of Pittsford has received national recognition for the success of its historic preservation efforts. In July, our village was designated a Preserve America community by First Lady Laura Bush. The Preserve America initiative is a federal program recognizing communities who have successfully improved resident's quality of life, spurred economic development, and attracted tourism through the implementation of policies and projects promoting historic preservation. The program is administered by the Department of the Interior in partnership with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Communities designated through the program receive national recognition for their efforts.

Village citizens and elected officials have consistently emphasized historic preservation as a basis for attracting private investment. Since the 1970s, the Village has invested in the enhancement of public spaces; converting former industrial sites, reusing historic warehouses and mills, and building new waterfront amenities to attract boaters, encourage recreation, and maintain a pedestrian-friendly small-town atmosphere.

The Village enacted one of the first preservation laws in western New York making the entire village a locally-designated historic district in 1971. Much of the village is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Over the last thirty years, homes, businesses, mills and

For Boaters, New Pump Out Station Makes Pittsford A “Must Stop”

Did you know that of all the world’s waterways, Pittsford’s canal system ranks among the Top 10 in popularity?

Beautiful the canal certainly is . . . and historic. But for boaters, certain mundane requirements are almost as important. Where, the captain wonders, as he plots his course, can we empty out this craft’s sewage holding tank?

With the opening in October of a new pump out station on the canal, Pittsford no doubt will be starred on many a mariner’s chart. Located on village-owned land just beyond the Renaissance DelMonte Lodge, the new dock will enable boaters to flush the contents of their holding tanks into the village sewer system and access fresh water for cleansing lines.

“There’s no doubt that this addition will make Pittsford a destination for boaters,” says Trustee Tim Galli, who oversaw the project. Built and installed by Frederico Construction, the project was funded by a \$35,000 grant from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Once a stop in Pittsford has been noted on the captain’s map, it seems likely that many will use the opportunity to explore the area, stopping to eat, shop, and admire our historic ambiance.



Canal Corporation director Carmella Mantello and Mayor Bob Corby officially open the new Pump Out Station.

FROM THE MAYOR

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other buildings, including historic Village Hall, have been restored or sensitively rehabilitated. Historic Pittsford, a village-based not-for-profit group, provides free technical assistance to residential and commercial property owners. I believe that the Village has continued to prosper because the qualities that people cherish have been maintained. The Village’s award-winning Comprehensive Master Plan integrated historic preservation policy with planning initiatives to encourage compatible development and improve the village’s walkable environment.

The Preserve America award recognizes Pittsford’s success in preserving historic resources, promoting public awareness of its heritage and encouraging community involvement. The Village was also recently cited in the National Heritage Corridor Erie Canalway Management Plan as a model of successful waterfront development that other communities might emulate.

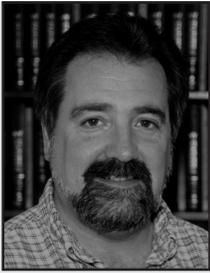


Look! We’re Now Officially “Certified”

In September, Pittsford Village was officially designated a Certified Local Government (CLG) by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO), working in partnership with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

That designation may sound curious after all those years we’ve been in business, but it’s an important one for communities looking for funding to enhance preservation efforts. It recognizes an effort in historic preservation that began here 40 years ago. By the time Village officials applied for the designation several months ago, all the requirements needed to meet local, state, and national standards already were in place. Among them are these:

- an established Architectural Preservation Review Board;
- an existing survey of historic structures;
- a section on preservation in the Village Code that has SHPO approval;
- evidence that qualified consultants are used in project planning;
- evidence of public participation in decision-making;
- evidence that meetings related to preservation are open to the public;
- evidence that information on historic preservation issues is available on the community’s website.



Note to Property Owners from the Building Inspector:

By Skip Bailey

Please Keep The Public Right-of-way Adjacent To Your Property Clear

The Village of Pittsford has some important regulations pertaining to the area of your property near the street, an area most often referred to as the right-of-way. These regulations are in place for the safety of pedestrians, motorists, and the Department of Public Works personnel.

- Fences, hedges and landscaping materials (such as pavers or timbers) cannot be closer than 18 inches to the inner edge of the sidewalk. This is to allow for pedestrian access and sidewalk plowing.
- Nothing can be placed or constructed in the area between the sidewalk and the street, including landscaping. For area without sidewalks, nothing should be placed closer than 10 feet from the edge of the street pavement.

- Approval is required in order to widen the portion of a driveway between the sidewalk and the street, to relocate a driveway, or to construct a new driveway.
- Vegetation that obstructs vehicular visibility or affects pedestrian safety must be maintained to a height of 3 feet or less.
- New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law prohibits plowing snow across a public street. Your snow plowing contractor should be advised that the Village will be issuing tickets this winter for pushing or piling snow onto the sidewalk or street.
- Contractors working in the Village and residents hosting special events or parties requiring additional parking should obtain a parking permit from the Village Office to avoid getting ticketed. There is no fee for this permit.

The Village of Pittsford appreciates your cooperation in adhering to these safety regulations.

An Annual Fall Reminder:

- Change your smoke detector batteries.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector.
- Clean your chimney.

FROM THE DPW SUPERINTENDENT

Limited brush pickup will occur from November 1 through March 31 due to limited equipment being configured for snow and ice removal. Branches should not exceed 6 feet in length.

Large trees and other debris gathered by a private contractor are to be taken by the contractor to the Town of Pittsford Highway Garage located on Golf Avenue.

Residents should be mindful to maintain the hedges along the sidewalk, as pathways need to be clear for pedestrian safety and for the sidewalk plow.

With snow season upon us, please keep shoveled/plowed snow on your property. Please notify your contractor that leaving the snow on the sidewalk or having it plowed across the road is illegal per New York State law. Warnings will be issued to those individuals not complying with this directive.

Refuse and recycle containers should be placed on the driveway of the property so the plows can move along the sidewalk and road without needing to stop to move containers. This is especially important during storm conditions.

Parking along the village streets is restricted between 2 am and 6 am from November 1st through April 15th for snowplowing purposes (Village Code Article III §195-11). Tickets will be given to those vehicles parked during these times.



Scott Spencer
DPW Superintendent

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

Dumping into the catch basins, which ultimately drain into the creek or the canal, is illegal.

The Village crew frequently flushes the sewers in an effort to maintain our sewer lines clear of debris. If you have experienced problems in the past when this occurs, please contact the highway garage at 586-9320 so notification can be given you when we will be in your area.

The Village will soon be busy with the removal and replacement of trees. Hardy trees suitable to our environment have been selected. These replacement trees are a part of \$9,275 New York State Urban and Forestry Tree grant the Village was awarded.



Summer Memories

Once again, our Village DPW crew kept Pittsford blooming all summer long! Undaunted by weeks of hot, dry weather, Scott Spencer and his men ensured that the picturesque blooms and foliage in planters and hanging baskets were lush and colorful all summer long. Thanks, too, to Trustee Paula Sherwood for her inspired plant choices.

Street Light's Out? Here's Who To Call . . .

Lighting outages should be reported directly to RGE by calling their new toll-free number: 1-888-668-0668. Pole number, location (nearest crossroad), and a brief description of the problem (eg: broken, dead, or flickering bulb) will need to be reported. Hearing- and speech-impaired callers may use the number (TTY) 1-800-962-3292 to report any RGE problem.



New At The Village Office . . . For Your Convenience:

- A new first floor bathroom that is handicapped accessible. (Thanks to a Monroe County Community Development Block Grant we have now completed Phase 2 of our office renovation and are now in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act).
- A new mail slot has been installed at the side entrance for easy delivery of bill payments, messages, etc.

Don't forget!

Sewer bills will be mailed in January 2006.



New To Our DPW Crew:

Rob Harter and Jason Bliss are new members of our hard working Village crew. (It was Jason, by the way, who kept those floral containers blooming so beautifully all summer.)



Architectural And Preservation Review Board

Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month unless otherwise noted due to a holiday.

<u>MEETING DATE</u>	<u>APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE</u>
January 4, 2006 (Wed)	December 12, 2005
February 6, 2006	January 18, 2006
March 6, 2006	February 15, 2006
April 3, 2006	March 22, 2006
May 1, 2006	April 19, 2006
June 5, 2006	May 24, 2006
July 6, 2006 (Thurs)	June 21, 2006
August 7, 2006	July 20, 2006
September 7, 2006 (Thurs)	August 24, 2006
October 2, 2006	September 20, 2006
November 6, 2006	October 18, 2006
December 4, 2006	November 15, 2006



Planning And Zoning Board Of Appeals

Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month unless otherwise noted due to a holiday.
All meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

<u>MEETING DATE</u>	<u>APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE</u>
January 23, 2006	January 4, 2005
February 27, 2006	February 8, 2006
March 27, 2006	March 8, 2006
April 24, 2006	April 5, 2006
May 22, 2006	May 3, 2006
June 26, 2006	June 7, 2006
July 24, 2006	July 5, 2006
August 28, 2006	August 9, 2006
September 25, 2006	September 6, 2006
October 23, 2006	October 4, 2006
November 27, 2006	November 8, 2006
December 18, 2006	December 1, 2006

NOTE

Applications are due by 5:30 PM on deadline date specified for each meeting.

Village of Pittsford Board of Trustees

Meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, unless indicated otherwise.
Please note there is only one meeting in December.

<u>MEETING DATE</u>	<u>WORKSHOP MEETINGS</u>
January 10, 2006	January 24, 2005
February 14, 2006	February 28, 2006
March 14, 2006	March 28, 2006
April 11, 2006	April 25, 2006
May 9, 2006	May 23, 2006
June 13, 2006	June 27, 2006
July 11, 2006	July 25, 2006
August 8, 2006	August 22, 2006
September 12, 2006	September 26, 2006
October 10, 2006	October 24, 2006
November 14, 2006	November 28, 2006
December 12, 2006	





Looking For A Holiday Gift?

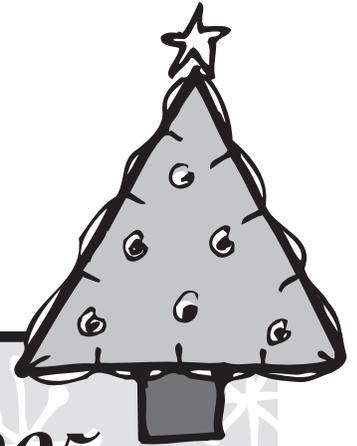
Don't forget our memorial bricks, benches, and bike racks!

What better present could you give than one that lasts for years and years?

Current prices for these long-lasting memorials are:

a brick - \$100; a bench - \$1000; a bike rack - \$200.

*For more information, or to place your order,
please call the Village Office at 586-4332.*



“Candlelight Night” 2005: *More festive, more fun!*

This year's “Candlelight Night”—the holiday festivity that draws hundreds of residents and visitors to the Village the first Tuesday evening in December—will be bigger and better than ever, according to organizers from the local merchants' group.

In addition to visits by Santa, horse-drawn carriage rides, and festive caroling,
not one but **three tree lightings** are scheduled for the evening of **December 6th**:

6:00 p.m. – in front of the Phoenix Building on the corner of State and North Main Streets;

6:30 p.m. – at the Sam Patch Pavilion on Schoen Place;

7:00 p.m. – at the east entrance to Northfield Commons, near the Schoen Place Grill.

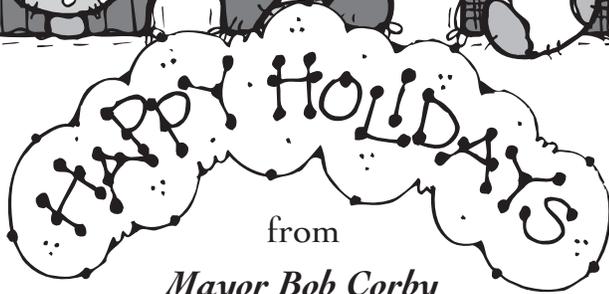
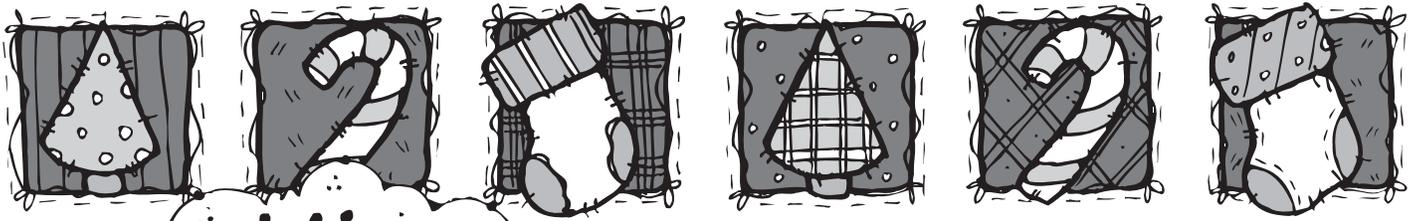
If you're bringing little ones with you that evening, please note that you can expect “Santa Sightings”
at Bearly Country on Schoen Place and at Black Sheep on S. Main Street.

For everyone, young and old, horse-drawn carriage rides through the heart of the newly-illuminated Village are part of the evening's fun. Carriage stops are scheduled at the Four Corners, at Renaissance DelMonte Lodge, and at both pavilions along the canal on Schoen Place.

Individual merchants are planning their own special “open house” welcomes to the many visitors who make “Candlelight Night” an annual family event.

The fun starts at 4:00 p.m. Village restaurants will, of course, be open for your dining pleasure.

Don't miss this magical holiday evening!



from
Mayor Bob Corby
Trustee Tom Farlow
Trustee Tim Galli
Trustee Steve Maddox
Trustee Paula Sherwood

SAVE THE DATE!

December 6th
Candlelight
Night

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 Edward ("Skip") Bailey, *Building Inspector*
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