

## *“Candlelight Night” 2006*

# Come Celebrate a 35-year Tradition!



Spending a December evening on the streets of Pittsford Village has become a holiday ritual for many Rochester-area families. Visitors are greeted by festive decorations, sparkling lights, the sound of music, carols, horses' hoofs, wagon wheels, and the excited voices of children greeting Santa.

This year's celebration on **December 5<sup>th</sup>** will be special: It's the 35th anniversary of a tradition that began in 1971 when a few shops on Schoen Place welcomed visitors. Like Topsy, the holiday event 'just grew' into the event that draws thousands of visitors to the Village, for an evening of shopping, horse-drawn carriage rides, and festive holiday fun.

### **This year's schedule includes three tree-lightings:**

- 5:45 p.m. at the Four Corners
- 6:30 p.m. on Schoen Place at the 'Sam Patch' dock
- 7:15 p.m. on Northfield Common

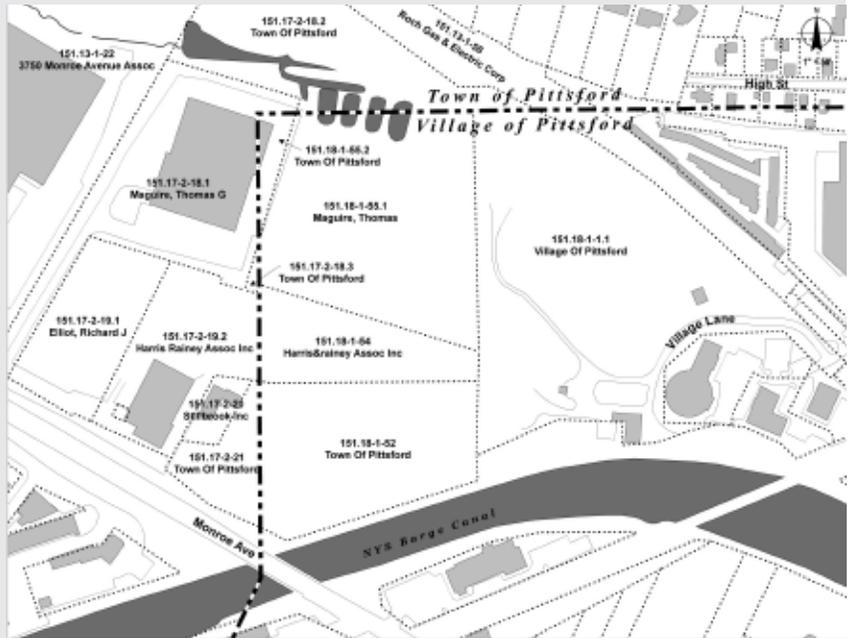
### **Santa will arrive at the Town Hall in a horse-drawn wagon**

He will greet visitors at The Bearly Country shop in Northfield Commons from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

*Sponsoring this year's event are the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Pittsford, the Town of Pittsford, the Pittsford Village Business Association, and Pittsford Rotary.*



*Bob Corby*  
**Bob Corby**  
 Mayor, Village of Pittsford



*View of Trolley Creek Swamp, a wetland located in the extreme northwest corner of the village*

## What is the Northwest Quadrant?

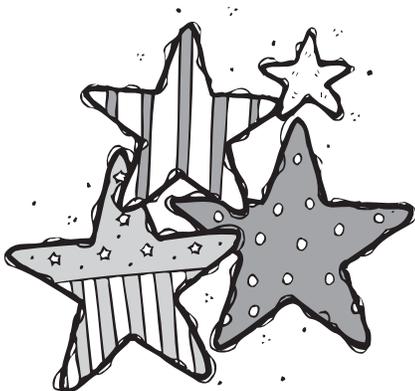
The village of Pittsford occupies .7 square miles or 456 acres. About 75% of the village is developed with residential, commercial, religious uses. Approximately 110 acres or roughly 24% of the village remains open space. Current open space includes the following properties:

- **Powers Farm** (*village portion of Greenprint*)  
52 acres
- **Sutherland High School athletic fields** (*within village limits*) 12 acres
- **Spiegel Center field**  
4 acres
- **Bob Ford Little League fields** (*Canal Corporation*)  
8 acres
- **Monoco property** (*portion within village*)  
2.5 acres
- **Village DPW property**  
11.5 acres
- **Northwest quadrant Town lands**  
21 acres

Comprising roughly 30 acres or about 7% of the village's total area, the northwest quadrant represents the last large undeveloped area of the village. It includes over 1000 feet of frontage on the north bank of the Erie Canal. The area contains the village's only significant wetland, several ponds, successive woodlands, meadow, and two large stands of spruce.

To protect the historic rustic/rural visual character of this section of the canal and to provide greater recreational access, the Town has purchased land in the area and has received a \$50,000 planning grant from the NYS Department of State.

The Village and Town have agreed to collaborate on planning for the area to accomplish each municipality's respective goals. Any future development will require review and approval from the Village Planning Board as well as the Village Architectural and Preservation Review Board.



## Village Hall Receives Preservation Award

The Village of Pittsford has received an Award of Merit for the "sensitive rehabilitation" of the Wiltie Memorial Building (*Village Hall*) from the Landmark Society of Western New York. The Society praised the Village for "its innovative efforts in the field of preservation planning" and for the careful preservation and thoughtful renovations made to Village Hall to accommodate handicapped access. Mayor Robert Corby was presented with a certificate of merit by Landmark Society President Charlie Fitzgibbon and Executive Director Joanne Arany at the Society's annual meeting held on November 18 at the Academy of Medicine at 1441 East Avenue in Rochester.

## Meet our Newest Trustee: John Limbeck

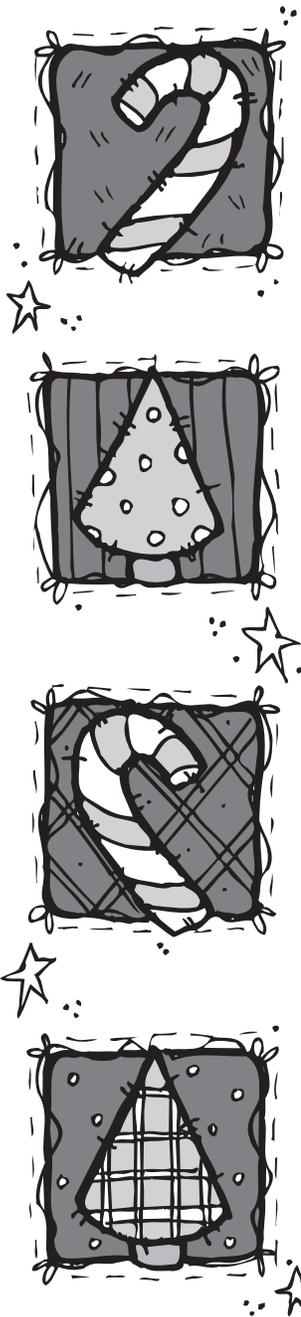


**John Limbeck** seems to know how to make the most of a 24-hour day. Before moving to Pittsford Village five years ago, John spent seven years on the Chili planning board, served as chair of its environmental committee, and as Chili's representative on the Monroe County Environmental Management Council.

At Eastman Kodak Co., where he is a construction manager, he has just overseen the completion of Kodak's thermal media machine, a two-story-tall, 400-foot-long, \$40 million giant that creates the print media required to print digital photos.

After serving a term on the Architectural and Preservation Review Board, with a special interest in canal development, John was tapped to fill a vacancy on the Village Board of Trustees. He replaces Tom Farlow, who has resigned.

As "empty-nesters," John and his wife Ann, an art teacher in Spencerport, decided to exchange their big suburban house on a double lot to a smaller one in a village environment. "We both have family on this side of the city, and we've always thought Pittsford was really attractive," he says. The Limbecks bought the former rental property at 62 State Street and are busy converting it into their new home—guided by Ann's vision and what John has learned on the APRB board.



### New Sidewalk Ensures Safer Walking on South Street

The October ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating a new sidewalk on South Street was a happy event for residents of the neighborhood. They had pointed out to Village officials that walking from Elmbrook Drive to Maple Street (*or vice versa*) required them either to cross and then re-cross South Street or walk at the side of the roadway. By extending the sidewalk, the Village DPW has created a safer situation for pedestrians — another example of ongoing traffic safety initiatives in the Village.

Cutting the ribbon are neighborhood residents **Megan Phillips** and **Meg Rubiano**. Joining them are Trustees Tim Galli, John Limbeck and Steve Maddox, as well as Todd Rubiano, John Cufari, and Ed Starowicz. (*Wagging her tail is Ella Rubiano.*)

## John Cufari is our New DPW Superintendent



**John Cufari** knows the streets of Pittsford like the back of his hand. Born in the Village just off North Main Street, he spent 36 years working in the Department of Public Works for the Town of Pittsford. In June he was appointed the new superintendent of the Village DPW, where he heads a crew of six.

John says the challenge of his job is to ensure that timely work is done in four major areas: highways, sewers, parks, and building maintenance. "Our job," he says, "is to keep the Village looking beautiful." To that end, DPW crews also maintain the flower baskets in Summer and install (*and then remove*) the holiday decorations that beautify the Village.

In addition to his other duties, John is our link with the Monroe Country Water Authority as the latter proceeds with the long-term project of relining water pipes throughout the Village. (*See accompanying article for more details.*)

John and his wife, Laurie, are proud parents of four children: Jack, a senior at the State University in Plattsburgh; Elizabeth, a junior at Syracuse University; Kimberly, a sophomore at Northeastern University and Katie, a sophomore at Sutherland High School.

### Here Comes the Snow!

*To facilitate snow removal, DPW crews ask residents to remember:*

- 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.
- Overnight parking is prohibited on Village streets between Nov. 1 and Apr. 15. Parking is restricted between 2 am and 6 am from for snowplowing purposes (*Village Code Article III §195-11*). Tickets will be given to those vehicles parked during these times.
- 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 all 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.
- Don't tailgate snowplows! They often stop and back up to change direction.
- Slow down! Take your time when driving in Winter conditions.

### Cleaning, Relining Reduces the Need for Digging RX for our Aging Water-pipes

Anyone who traversed streets in the southeast section of the Village during the last few months surely has noticed the flat hoses that snaked alongside curbing and the "Caution: Men at work" signs then much in evidence.

The first stage in this long-term project of the Monroe Country Water Authority, is nearly complete. According to DPW chief John Cufari, pipe cleaning, lining and asphalt work is complete in the area (*identified in the plan as Milestone 1*), as is the laying of topsoil, seeding, and clean-up.

Still to be done is a the busy intersection at the corner of South Street and East Jefferson Rd., where a directional boring will be required to connect with the primary water main. No date has been set for that work.

Late next June, work will begin in the section of the Village identified as Milestone 3: West Jefferson Rd. from Sutherland St. to South Main St.; South Main St. from #74 to #90 (*basically the Rte. 96 intersection*); East Jefferson Rd. from South Main St. to South St.; Eastview Terrace from East Jefferson Rd. to #34 (*Village/Town Line*), and all of East Jefferson Circle.

Trustee Tim Galli compares the work to that of a surgeon who clears clogged arteries. Cleaning out years of rust deposits and lining old water pipes rejuvenates them, improves flow, and eliminates the need to dig up streets in order to lay new pipes.

Before the next phase of work begins, householders in the Milestone 3 quadrant will receive a two-page information leaflet describing the work to be done and listing Monroe County Water Authority customer service phone numbers.

## 'Diplomacy is Important,' Says our New Parking Monitor



Steve Weinstein has a friendly face and an open manner, two attributes that are a big help in his job—making sure that daytime parking within the Village is handled smoothly and fairly. Our new parking monitor has been on the job for four months, walking the streets six hours a day from Sutherland High School to the Pickle Factory and throughout the business district.

"I think people realize there are laws that have to be enforced, but I try not to be 'hard-nosed' about it. I'm not going to leave a warning ticket if somebody is a few minutes over the limit," says Weinstein. "When parking privileges are abused, that's a different matter."

A former "big city" fellow, Weinstein formerly was lead technician for Morgan Stanley's telephone operations at their four buildings in Manhattan. When he retired a few years ago, he and his wife moved to Webster to be near a married daughter and her family.

His favorite on-the-job encounter: The steaming hot day in August when a woman driving down Church Street saw him trudging along and pulled over to the curb. Rolling down her car window, she handed him a can of soda, saying, "Here—you look like you could use this."

## Giving Parking Violators the Boot

Parking in the Four Corners area of the Village is a subject of concern for residents, visitors, and business owners. Our parking monitor, Steve Weinstein, has done a great job in the last few months of ensuring that the available parking is efficiently utilized and equitably available to all users. Most motorists understand the need for parking regulations and abide by the code.

However, a small number of persistent or blatant violators remain a problem. In the past, vehicles have been towed when they created a safety issue, and vehicles belonging to scofflaws were also towed. The towing process is time consuming and an inefficient use of staff time.

In order to more efficiently resolve these violations, the Village has purchased a vehicle immobilizer, or "boot". The boot will be used on vehicles that are deemed to be in such violation of the code that more than a parking ticket is warranted. There will be a substantial fee for removal of the device. In addition, the owner may have to resolve any unpaid tickets before removal.

Parking violations, as well as any other code violations, should be reported to the Village Office. Hopefully, motorists will obey the posted regulations and "the boot" will not see much use.



*Gr-r-r-r! Scofflaws, watch out! Building Inspector Skip Bailey holds a "Pitbull Tirelock" that will be used to immobilize cars whose owners consistently ignore Village parking instructions.*

## VILLAGE ALERT! Upcoming DOT Work in 2007:



DOT crews are scheduled to mill, adjust manholes and catch basins on Rtes. 96 and 31. The work will involve North and South Main Streets, Monroe Avenue, and State Street within the Village boundaries.

DOT crews will re-align the North Main Street and Washington Road intersection and install curbing; mill and pave Washington Road. The right turn lane heading north on Washington will be eliminated.

No time table has been set for either project.

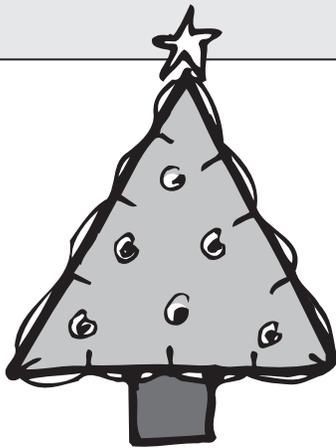


## New Businesses Join Village Scene

Six new businesses have opened in the Village over the last few months.

We urge you to welcome our newest neighbors:

- **Unique Tailors**, 5 Monroe Avenue
- **Mary Corcoran Photography**, 34 State Street
- **Arya Tea**, 15 S. Main Street
- **Bella Bleu**, 32-1/2 S. Main Street
- **Jenny G's Clothing Boutique**, 39 S. Main St.
- **Fido's**, Plum Lane (*next to library*)



## Attention, Residents:

Look for Village sewer bills in January

## Too Many Garbage Trucks? What Do You Think?

The Village Board of Trustees tries to provide the right blend of services to best meet the needs of residents. From time to time we evaluate our operations to make sure we are attaining this goal.

Currently, five different private residential trash haulers operate in the village. The five companies haul trash from the village on three days of the week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays). The Village does not currently regulate the hours of operation or days of the week for residential collection.

Several other municipalities in Monroe County provide residential trash service or contract with a single hauler. Over the last few months, Trustee Tim Galli has investigated trash hauling practices in other area villages and towns. His research suggests the following:

### *The benefits of a single hauler include:*

- Reducing noise and truck traffic on Village streets.
- Reducing the days that refuse containers are lined up at curbside.
- Reducing trash rates for residential customers.

### *Disadvantages include:*

- Loss of consumer choice.
- Small additional administrative costs for the Village.

The Village Board is seeking resident input on what trash policy is best for the Village. In particular, we want to know if you have any concerns or suggestions regarding the current private trash collection system operating in the village.

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*complete and return  
the postage-paid survey  
card enclosed with  
this newsletter.*

## New Veterans Memorial Graces Village Park



On Saturday, Nov. 11, a crowd of residents and friends attended the dedication of the handsome new Veterans Memorial recently erected in the Village canal-side park on North Main Street. A bagpiper led a column of marchers, including members of Rayson-Miller Post, VFW; current members of the Armed Forces, Town and Village officials, and visiting dignitaries. Representing Pittsford Village were (from left) Trustees Tim Galli, Paula Sherwood, Steve Maddox, John Limbeck and Mayor Bob Corby. The Village purchased the eight flagpoles that line the North Main Street entrance to the park.



### 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 586-4352.*



## *Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays*

*from Mayor Bob Corby and Trustees Tim Galli, John Limbeck, Steve Maddox, and Paula Sherwood*

The Christmas decorations in the village for 2006 celebrate the 35 years of Candlelight Night. The colored lights, wreaths and ribbons create a festive glow reminiscent of days ago.

Thank you to the Village DPW for putting them up.

Trustee Paula Sherwood worked with DPW Superintendent John Cufari and Bristol's Garden Center to make the seasonal displays extra special.



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