

LONG-TIME VILLAGE ATTORNEY HONORED

Village Pays Fond Tribute To John Osborn, After 50 Years Of Service

Ask Village office staff what they think of Village Attorney John C. Osborn and you get answers like these: "Gentleman extraordinaire." "Highly principled." "A man of 'true grit'." "Wonderful sense of humor!" "Classy!" and "Priceless."

Now, fifty years after being appointed Village Attorney (in 1956), John Osborn is being honored for his half-century of service. On April 28,

Osborn was honored at a dinner at Monroe Golf Club. At that time, Mayor Bob Corby announced that the meeting room in the Village Hall where Osborn has spent hundreds, if not thousands, of hours is now officially the John C. Osborn Meeting Room.

No, he's not retiring. John has too much energy for that. He'll continue his work with the Village and at the Rochester law firm, Osborn, Reed & Burke, where he is senior partner. "I love to practice law," says Osborn. "It's a privilege, and has to be treated that way. I believe you have to be not just a smart guy, but a good guy."

Of his work in Pittsford, John is perhaps most proud of the zoning law he drafted soon after his appointment. "The Village was operating then under a 1925 zoning law which was rarely enforced, or enforceable," he said. John wrote a zoning code that has withstood the test of time, with only minor modifications. "We've been determined to keep the historic flavor of Pittsford Village, with all its residential charm," he says. To that end, Osborn helped develop, organize and launch the Architectural and Preservation Review Board.



HALF-CENTURY OF SERVICE HONORED:

Village Attorney John Osborn (third from left) was surprised at his testimonial dinner in April to learn that the meeting room at Village Hall has been named in his honor. John is shown here surrounded by (from left:) Trustees Tom Farlow, Paula Sberwood, Tim Galli, Steve Maddox and Mayor Bob Corby.



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Bob Corby

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Mayor, Village of Pittsford

Unlike the last few years, we have not planned a major capital project for the upcoming year. As a result, the total Village budget for the next fiscal year beginning June 1 will be smaller than the last few years. However, because our ongoing projects were partially grant-funded, the decrease in the overall budget does not translate into a decrease in the tax rate.

Like most organizations, our operating expenses continue to rise. Over the last year we have seen substantial increases in fuel costs, insurance premiums, and healthcare benefits. Salary adjustments, contracted work, and rising equipment prices also have contributed to the increased cost of doing business, therefore inflating the operating budget for 2006-07.

The Trustees have made every effort to contain costs without reducing the level of services the Village provides. As a result, we have limited the tax rate increase to 4%, or \$2.29 per one thousand assessed valuation. **This year your county, town, and school taxes are based on the new tax assessment levied by the town. However, the Village is not impacted by this increase until June 2007.**

This fiscal year your Village taxes will be based on your old assessment, not the new (and, in most cases, higher) assessment. On the average Village house, the tax bill for 2006-2007 will be roughly \$450.

This Year's Budget Highlights The Following Considerations:

- Continuing our Road Maintenance Program for surface treating Village streets
- New sidewalk and curbing will be installed at east end of Schoen Place (*near Northfield Commons*)
- Traffic Calming initiatives will continue for the 2006-07 fiscal year. Items for implementation are the development of plans for Washington Road and North Main Street. The plan will be developed in conjunction with NYSDOT's reconstruction project for Washington Road. A plan regarding curbing, lane reduction and landscaping for State Street is also to be developed with the cooperation of NYSDOT. Implementing chicanes with landscaping and provision for sidewalk planters are being considered for this plan.

- DPW equipment replacement
- Participation in a collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, Pittsford Central School District, and the Pittsford Fire Department to implement a Geographic Information System (GBS) including a fiber optic network.

Village Revenues

Monroe County sales tax	\$425,000
Sewer rents	90,955
Permits and Fees	7,500
State Aid and grants	51,500
Village property taxes	320,146
Other revenues	179,301

Note: Maintenance of Village sanitary sewers is covered by sewer taxes and is treated as a separate budget.

How We Use Your Tax Money And Other Revenues

- Maintaining Village streets, sidewalks, and curbing
- Monitoring, maintaining, and improving storm sewers and natural storm water draining channels
- Plowing and removing snow from Village streets, sidewalks, canal towpath and the business district
- Providing weekly brush pickup during Spring, Summer, and Fall
- Street lighting
- Building inspection and code enforcement
- Long-range planning (*Canal Corridor Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Traffic Calming Plan*)
- Planting new trees; pruning existing trees; and removing diseased trees along Village streets
- Maintaining the Erie Canal Park, Village properties and buildings, canal frontage, entrance gateways to Village
- Municipal planning (*working with county agencies*)
- Providing and maintaining Summer flower baskets throughout the Village business district
- Providing support for events such as Candlelight Night and the Pittsford Crew Regattas

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John Osborn: 50 Years Of Service

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“If we hadn’t stood our ground when outside forces were agitating for change, Pittsford’s main streets might look today like Pittsford Plaza or West Henrietta Road. Some of our opponents—then and now—say we’re too fussy. I call it having the courage and determination to stand up for the community in ways that are both right and lawful.”

A man of infinite modesty, Osborn gives all the credit to the many and various boards he has advised. “It’s taken a lot of effort on the part of a lot of people to keep the Village character intact.”

A native of Ithaca, Osborn is a World War II veteran who served as an infantry platoon leader in Germany. After the war, he returned to the States and entered Dartmouth College, graduating in 1945. He then worked his way through Cornell Law School as drummer and business manager for a highly successful 15-piece band.

In 1950, Osborn was recruited by the Rochester law firm of Reilly, Roberts, McLouth & Dicker, on the advice of former Pittsford resident Judge Sutherland, who was then teaching at Cornell Law School. The Village attorney at that time was John Reilly, who soon recommended that Osborn replace him as he left to another job.

Osborn has seen the Village change from a quiet town with a distinctive agricultural flavor to the bustling community we know today. Throughout the decades, John Osborn’s affection for the community has grown, as he has helped it meet major challenges to its identity.



‘The Legal Right Hand’ For 9 Village Mayors

In his half-century of service, John Osborn has assisted nine of the Village mayors, including:

Robert C. Corby
Russel D. Hay
John F. Holzwarth

Harry H. Kennedy
Norman Lauterbach
Frank McConnell

Elmer Michael
David C. Shepherd
Kenneth Way

FROM THE MAYOR

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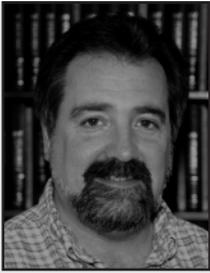
- Providing other municipal services required by residents and businesses
- Maintaining an up-to-date archival system for Village documents and historical records
- Seeking grant funding to subsidize the cost of capital projects aimed at improving the Village’s quality of life.
- Collaborating with the Town of Pittsford, Pittsford Central School District, and other government agencies to stage community events and accomplish municipal projects.
- Providing public meeting space at Village Hall



BALANCING THE BUDGET:

Trustee Tim Galli, whose focus as a trustee is finance, reviews this year’s Village budget with Mary Marowski, Village treasurer and deputy clerk.

Tax Reminder! June is coming up fast, so please watch your mailbox for the envelope containing your Village property tax bill. Bills will be mailed June 1, with payment due by June 30. Village sewer bills, printed on white paper stock, will be mailed in July. If you have questions about either of these bills, please call the Village office: 586-4332.



Note to Property Owners from the Building Inspector:

By Skip Bailey

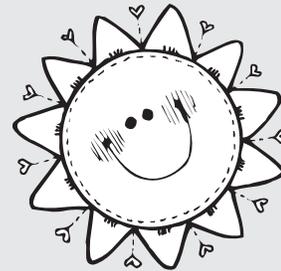
Warm Weather Is Here. . . And So Is This Village Code Reminder

The following is the annual start-of-warm-weather reminder of Village Code requirements:

- Exterior changes to your home that can be viewed from a public street or waterway require a certificate of approval from the Architectural and Preservation Review Board.
- Typical projects that require approval include replacement of siding, windows, doors, porches, railings, steps, fences, signs, and most new construction. The Board meets on the first Monday of the month. Applications are available at the Village Office or on our website. Please call before starting your project.
- The Village Code and the Property Maintenance Code of New York State contain provisions regulating junk cars, refuse and debris, tall grass, and building maintenance such as painting. You can report any violations to the Village Office at 586-4332 or e-mail to pittvill@frontiernet.net.

- In January of 2004, the Village Code was amended to prohibit parking of motor vehicles in front yards, unless they are parked in a legally permitted driveway.
- Most construction projects require building permits. Contact the Village Office for specific rules for your proposed projects. I will be glad to provide any information that is needed and help you with the approval process.
- Recently, there have been several fires in the area caused by faulty electrical installations by homeowners. Although it is legal to do your own electrical work, the work may require a permit, and in any case requires an inspection by an approved electrical inspection agency. Three agencies inspect in the Village: New York Board of Fire Underwriters, Middle Department, and Commonwealth Electrical Inspectors. If in doubt as to your ability to safely do your own installation, call a licensed electrician.

—Skip Bailey
Village Building Inspector



Urban And Community Forestry Grant

Over the last five months, the Village DPW crew has planted 85 new street trees. The large number of trees was made possible by an Urban and Community Forestry Grant. More trees will be planted in the Fall.

The Village tree program has been supervised by Jason Bliss of the Village's DPW. Jason has selected a number of new varieties including Sweet Gum, Bald Cypress, Sycamore, Lacebark Elm, Hackberry, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Hornbeam and numerous flowering trees.

These species have been recommended as hardy for urban settings by Cornell University's Urban Horticultural Institute. Jason has also implemented improved planting practices including the use of gator bags to ensure the trees survive.

Architectural And Preservation Review Board

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

<u>MEETING DATE</u>	<u>APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE</u>
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>
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>
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	



This Summer, The Village Shows Its (floral) Patriotic Colors

Some 90 hanging baskets, abloom with red, white and blue blossoms, are adding a patriotic note to the Village business district and the canal pathway this year. 'New Wave' petunias, geraniums, and vinca vines fill the baskets, while bloom-filled sidewalk planters echo the national colors.

Trustee Paula Sherwood, who oversees the yearly floral displays, notes that the color triad, in partnership with green foliage, complements our brick buildings and softens the streetscape, pleasing the eye of residents and visitors alike.

Working with Paula and the Village's DPW crew in flower selection is Tom Sanna of Bristol Garden Center.

'PICKLE FACTORY' FOUNDER

Memorial Bricks Recall Village Luminary L. C. Forman & Family

L. C. Forman was born in 1864 in a log cabin on Calkins Road. By the early years of the 20th Century, L. C. had made the name "Forman" prominent, not just in Pittsford, but far beyond. As co-founder and president of the first bank in Pittsford (*Pittsford National Bank*), president of the Pittsford School Board, and member of the Village board of trustees, Forman was a man to be reckoned with. He was best known, however, as founder of the pickle and savory factory that bore his name and whose quality products were sold around the country. (*The building still stands, of course, at the end of Line and Elm streets and has been subdivided into commercial offices.*)

Now Mary Ann Steffen Brown, her husband Bob, life-long residents of North Main Street, and other members of the now far-flung Forman clan are ensuring that the Forman

name is not forgotten in Pittsford. They have purchased six memorial bricks to be laid along the canal pathway on Schoen Place. The newly inscribed bricks will join the memorial already in place for the late Mayor David Shepherd, whose wife, the former Joan Ross, is a member of the Forman family.

"I've always loved walking along the canal with our labs," says Mary Ann Brown. "The family decided that was the best place of all to memorialize those relatives whose lives have been so entwined with Pittsford's history." (*The Browns' beloved labs are getting their own brick, too.*)

You can be part of the "Pittsford Remembers" program, by purchasing an inscribed brick, bench, or bike rack. For more information, please call the Village Office at 586-4332.



Safety First, Rain Or Shine!

Despite some raindrops, Deputy Sheriff Mike Horst on "Toby" stops to chat a minute with Village Trustee Tim Galli. Mounted patrols were initiated in December by the Monroe County Sheriff's Department to increase the visibility of law enforcement personnel in Pittsford.

The mounted patrol is just one aspect of an increased traffic enforcement program that is having results. The number of traffic summons issued in the Village increased several fold last year, rising from 79 in 2004 to 297 in 2005.

The Freedom Of Information Law (FOIL)

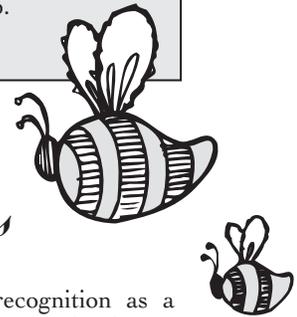
Did you know you can request access to your village's municipal records? Except for a few statutory exclusions, FOIL requires that all records be made available for public inspection or reproduction. The staff in the Pittsford Village office will be happy to assist you with such a request. We ask that your request be in writing and that it contain enough details to enable us to locate the records you are seeking. Once we have received your written request, we will be happy to help you inspect accessible records at a mutually agreeable time during regular office hours. If you seek actual reproductions of records, the fee for making photocopies will be as noted in the current year's fee schedule. For documents larger than 9" x 14", the actual cost of reproduction may be charged. In addition, postage costs will be added to the fee. If you have questions regarding FOIL, please call the Village Office for more specific information.

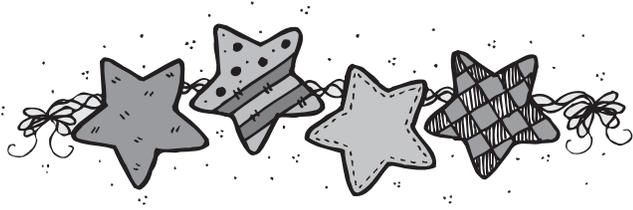
Pittsford Village: *A Model of Success*

Pittsford Village is getting increasing recognition as a successful model of community planning, thanks to our successful preservation efforts, award-winning Comprehensive Plan, fine new Town library and high school traffic-calming efforts, and waterfront development.

This Spring, tours of the Village led by Mayor Bob Corby were featured as part of the Landmark Society's Preservation Network Conference (*April 29*), the New York Council of Mayor's Main Street Conference (*May 8*) and Rochester Regional Design Center's "Design Matters" (*May 18*).

Bob also will lead annual history-based walking tour of the Village for the Pittsford Department of Recreation on June 10.





Architect Joins APRB

Cristina Lanahan first learned about Pittsford Village's Architecture and Preservation Review Board (APRB) when she and her husband met with the board to discuss plans for enlarging

their home on Locust Street. "When we moved to the Village in 2001, we had child, but with the addition of two more we quickly outgrew our house," she says.

An architect who had worked in Boston before moving to Pittsford, Christine realized that here was a community program where she might use her professional skills in a meaningful way. "When we completed our review with the board, I mentioned that I'd like very to volunteer if there was ever an opening," she says. Shortly afterward, that opening occurred.

Christine and her husband Bryan have three children, Judith, Lucia, and Bryan John. Their house at 28 Locust appears on Village maps as early as 1872 and was formerly home to the Hicks family.

Village Staff Keeps "up to speed" On New Laws, New Tech

Keeping up to date on the latest tools for managing electronic transmissions, as recommended by NYS Archives, Governments Records Services. This Spring they have taken courses in "How to Manage E-mail Effectively" and "Managing Electronic Records."

In May, Clerk Hartsig began an eight-session course in Human Resource Management especially designed for employees who are solely responsible for the day-to-day HR operations within their organization. In addition, Anne will take an advanced class in Employment Law that will result in her HR professional certification. Both programs are sponsored by the Rochester Business Alliance.

In early June, Anne and Village records manager Remegia Mitchell will attend a four-day seminar at Canandaigua's Inn on the Lake on "Records Management—Beyond the Box" sponsored by NY Association of Local Government Records Officers (NYALGRO). The seminar will include classes in archiving, imaging and microfilm, the Freedom of Information Law, cyber security and grant writing.

Mayor, Trustees Attend Economic Development Conference

Strengthening the economic health of small-town Main Streets was the subject of an economic development conference held May 8-9 at The Lodge at Woodcliff. Five Village trustees attended the conference sponsored by NYS Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM).

The schedule focused on ways to reinvent 19th Century Main Streets into 21st Century economic centers. Featured speaker was Rick Segel, successful New England retailer and author of books, training videos and audiotapes on effective marketing techniques.

County Water Authority Water Main Project Will Begin This Summer

The Village Office has been advised by the Monroe County Water Authority that the cleaning and lining of existing cast iron water mains will take place on many Village streets during the summer. Completion of the project is expected in late fall. There will undoubtedly be some inconvenience experienced due to the temporary installation of above ground water lines and traffic delays. Residents who live on involved streets will receive a letter from the Monroe County Water Authority prior to the commencement of the project.

Pedestrian Crossing Signs Return To Village Roadways

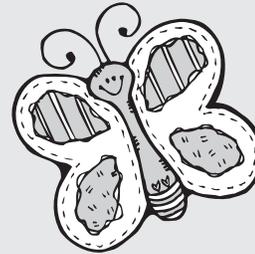
Heavy traffic on our business streets is not new. Pedestrian crossing signs are back again at key locations throughout the Village, in accordance with NYS law requiring their installation.

You'll find them in front of St. Louis Church, the Pittsford Library, Hicks & McCarthy, Boughton and State Streets, North Main Street and Schoen Place, and other test sites throughout the Village.



2006 Events List

Concert #1	June 9.....	7 p.m.
'Positively Pittsford'*	June 10.....	Library parking lot
Pittsford Regatta	June 10-11	10 a.m.
Concert #2.....	June 16.....	7 p.m.
Concert #3.....	June 23.....	7 p.m.
Concert #4.....	July 7	7 p.m.
Concert #5.....	July 14	7 p.m.
Concert #6.....	July 21	7 p.m.
Concert #7.....	July 28	7 p.m.
Buffalo Bills Pep Rally.....	To be announced	
Concert #8.....	August 4	6:45 p.m.
Concert #9.....	August 11	6:45
Discover Pittsford.....	August 17	
September Celebrates*	September 10.....	Library parking lot
Family Halloween Fest.....	October 29.....	St. John Fisher College
Candlelight Night.....	December 5	



*'Positively Pittsford' and 'September Celebrates' will take place in the municipal parking lot behind the Library.

Summer Concert Series will be held in the Port of Pittsford Park every Friday evening beginning June 9th through August 11th, with the exception of June 30th. (no concert over Fourth of July weekend.)

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