

This Year Has Been Another Period of Significant Progress for the Village.

On Schoen Place, we are nearly finished with a capital project to provide sidewalks, install a stormwater drainage system, slow vehicular speeds, and improve the appearance of our waterfront district. We have applied for grants and have received fifty percent of the funding for the next phase of improvements for the area. By the time the next project is completed, we will have accomplished nearly all of the goals identified in the Village's 1988 Canal Corridor Plan and 2002 Comprehensive Plan.

Finally, the dust has settled on the New York Department of Transportation's reconstruction of Washington Road and North Main Street. With elimination of the right-hand "sweep lane" to Washington, reduced lane widths, and the widening of the island beneath the railroad bridge, speeds through the intersection have been reduced and overall safety improved. Equally important, landscaping has replaced asphalt to greatly improve the attractiveness of this village gateway.

In June, the Village and Town approved a petition requesting the Village annex 5-1/2 acres of the former Monoco property. The property is being rezoned from commercial/industrial to residential to:

- Reduce the intensity and potential adverse impacts of future development at the site.
- Require a use that takes advantage of the waterfront location.
- Enact design standards to ensure future development is compatible with the village's historic character and residential environment.



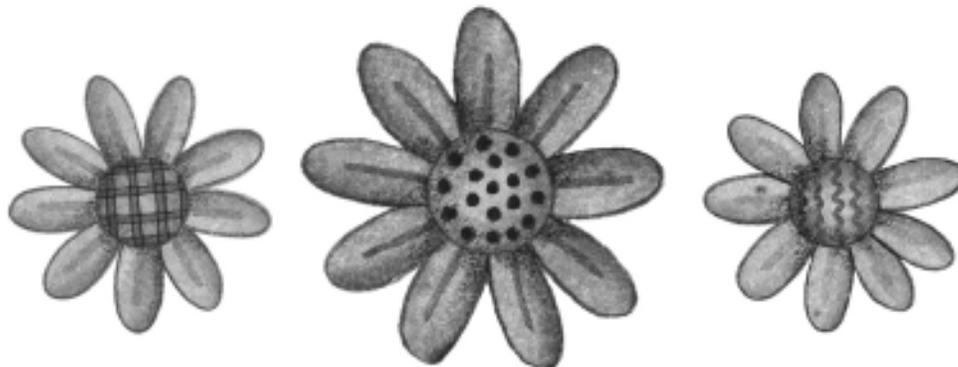
The change in zoning will result in less traffic generated from future development of the site and will nearly eliminate potential truck traffic. The Village recognizes that access and safety at this location on Monroe Avenue between the railroad and canal bridge are of paramount concern. We also want to protect our nearby existing neighborhoods.

In the year ahead, your Village Board will be working on several new initiatives. We have convened an economic development committee (*See page 2.*). We will study the Jefferson Road corridor through the Village to identify ways to implement traffic calming, improve pedestrian safety, and improve the streetscape. We will update our zoning to ensure the requirements in all districts reflect the Village Comprehensive Plan.

The Village's budgeting process begins right after the beginning of the new year. Escalating material costs and health care, combined with diminishing state funding and an uncertain sales tax revenue forecast, will make next year particularly challenging for us and most other municipalities around New York State. We will continue to investigate ways to contain costs and maintain or improve the delivery of the first-rate services residents enjoy.

The beautiful village we enjoy today is not a "happy accident," but is the result of years of dedication, commitment, and hard work by Village staff, board members, residents, and business people. As always, your ideas, comments, and concerns are welcomed, because they help us do a better job.

By Mayor Bob Corby



Village Economic Development Committee Is Formed

Commercial sprawl, big box chains, and tough economic times have severely impacted traditional downtown business districts. Pittsford is fortunate to be one of the few villages that has maintained a vibrant and successful "Main Street" commercial area. To ensure this trend continues, Mayor Bob Corby has convened a committee to identify ways the Village can support business and further expand the Village's retail market niche.

The committee is co-chaired by Mayor Corby and Village Trustee Paula Sherwood. Other members include Deputy Mayor Tim Galli, Bob Michaels, Swanda Reddington, and Matt Lennarz.

At the committee's first meeting, Kal Wysokowski, the Village of Fairport's Economic Development

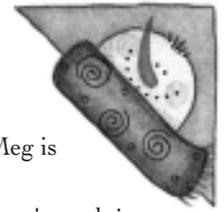
Coordinator, discussed the successes and challenges facing businesses in Fairport. The committee will host an open forum early next year (*date to be announced*), to solicit input and ideas from residents, merchants, and property owners.

After interviewing stakeholders and completing information-gathering activities, the committee will develop draft recommendations. The recommendations will be presented to stakeholders and the public for input and comments. The recommendations will then be revised and referred to the Village Board.

Progress on this project will be reported here. As always, your thoughts, ideas, and comments are welcome. If you are interested in becoming involved in this effort, please call the Village Office at 586-4332.



News From the Village Office



Village resident, **Meg Rubiano**, was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals in September. Meg is a long-time village resident and lives with her husband, Todd, on Eastview Terrace.

Records Clerk, **Terry Robins**, has been preparing Village records for microfilming. This is an annual task. Terry's work is an ongoing project to manage Village document storage and information retrieval. The Village's records management program conforms to New York State Department of Education guidelines. Our current storage system and procedures were initiated in September, 2006, by Remegia Mitchell. In June, Terry Robins and Village Clerk, Anne Hartsig, attended the NYALGRO (NY Association of Local Government Records Officers) annual training school in Corning, New York. The classes provided training on archiving and managing public records, including electronic records.

The lease on the Village's photocopier will expire in December. We have been researching several options to replace our current machine in the most cost-effective manner possible.

December is renewal time for the Village's health care policy. Annually, the Village consults with a health care broker to determine the highest health care value at the most cost-effective rate. Village employees share the cost for their health care benefits. Employees currently pay ten percent of their health care premium. As with all employers, escalating health care costs pose a significant fiscal challenge.

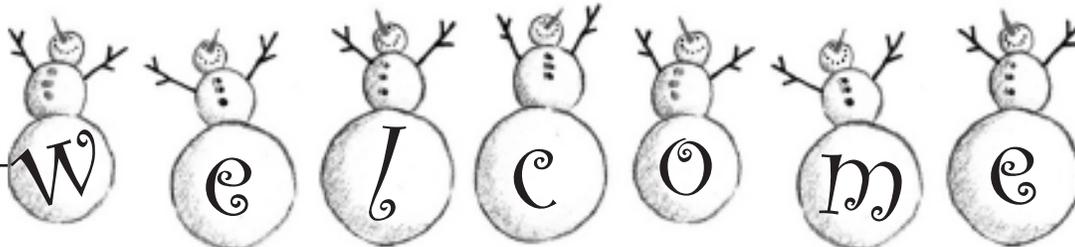


Anne Hartsig

In September, Village Treasurer, **Mary Marowski**, and Village Clerk, **Anne Hartsig**, attended the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Annual Training School. Three full days of classes provide an annual opportunity to keep current on new legislation, state-mandated municipal procedures, and administration of local government. The annual training school also provides a unique occasion to learn from, and share information with, colleagues from villages all over New York State.

The Village has recently implemented an Employee Assistance Program that provides confidential counseling and referral service to employees and their families on a wide range of topics, including managing stress, overcoming depression, relationship and/or family conflict resolution, caring for aging parents, and grief counseling.

In December, Village staff will prepare reports compiling building permits that have been issued, APRB and PZBA applications that have been submitted, local laws that have been filed, legal notices that have been published, and tax searches that have been conducted. The information, as well as various other year-end reports, become a part of the Village's archives.



to our new businesses!

Bella Amore

45 Schoen Place (Northfield Common)

Embrasse Moi

1 North Main Street

Evolution Pilates

50 State Street (Northfield Common)

Gallery 821

7 Schoen Place

Life Is Good

28 South Main Street

Nook

20 South Main Street

Presto Video Services

32-1/2 South Main Street

Synergy Martial Arts & Fitness

16 South Main Street





Pittsford Village's Holiday Celebration is Just Around the Corner!

Join families, neighbors, friends, Mayor Bob Corby, and Town Supervisor Bill Carpenter as they gather on Tuesday evening, **December 2nd** to stroll through "downtown Pittsford" and along Schoen Place.

The night will begin with the traditional **tree lightings** at the Four Corners, Schoen Place, and Northfield Commons. Village streets, buildings, and businesses will be decked out with fir wreaths and thousands of sparkling lights.

The night's activities include a variety of **musical groups**, strolling **carolers**, horse-drawn **carriage rides**, and **Santa** on the steps of the Town Hall.

Village merchants will have all their best wares on display for this special event—a favorite occasion for area families to stock up on **holiday gifts**.

Candlelight Night

Tuesday, December 2
5:00 — 9:00 p.m

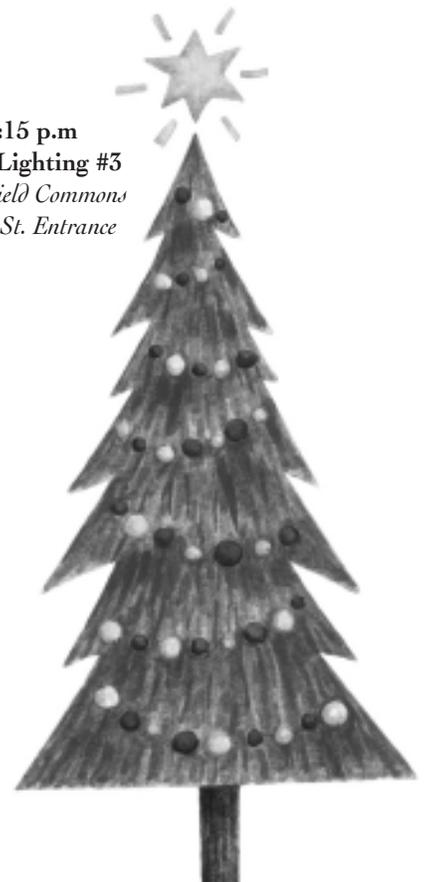


5:45 p.m
Tree Lighting #1
Main Pavilion
Schoen Place

6:30 p.m
Tree Lighting #2
Phoenix Building
Four Corners



7:15 p.m
Tree Lighting #3
Northfield Commons
State St. Entrance





Note to Property Owners from the Building Inspector:

By Skip Bailey

Here are a few reminders for the start of the heating season:

- If you have a fireplace or wood stove, clean the chimney before using it for the first time.
- Change your furnace filter and have your furnace inspected and cleaned at least once during the heating season.
- If you have battery-operated smoke detectors, change the batteries.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector, if you don't have one.
- If you are installing or replacing a gas or solid fuel-heating appliance, such as a gas furnace, gas hot water heater, gas log, gas fireplace, or any wood-burning unit, a permit is required. Make sure that your contractor has obtained the permit from the Village Office.

Celebration Scheduled for Next May

2009 Pittsford Preservation Month

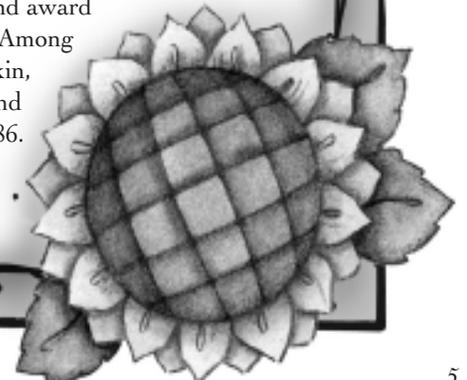
Village residents are justifiably proud of our history and our beautiful historic surroundings.

Next May, the Village of Pittsford will join communities across the nation in celebrating National Preservation month. The Village is collaborating with Historic Pittsford to sponsor a series of events that will heighten public awareness about the importance of historic preservation to our community.

Thirty-seven years ago, following resident requests, the Village enacted a preservation ordinance and designated the entire village as a local preservation district. In 1984, the center of the village was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The designation was made possible by Historic Pittsford volunteers, who documented and researched the history of every building located within the village.

Village Trustee, Paula Sherwood, and Historic Pittsford past president, Joe Maxey, are working together to create a schedule of events, such as lectures, tours, and award ceremonies, that will involve both Village and Town residents. Among the new awards being planned is one honoring Irving Gaskin, who served as chairperson of the Village's Architectural and Preservation Review Board from the early 1970's until 1986.

Stay tuned for more information!





John Cufari
DPW Superintendent

We Are Proud of the Village Department of Public Works

*The Village's Department of Public Works (DPW) consists of
Superintendent John Cufari, Andy Cashetta, Steve Green, Rob Harter, Mike Gulnac, and Doug Yaeger.*



**The Village DPW crew proudly maintains our village.
Their work includes:**

- Picking up residents' brush and leaves on a weekly schedule.
- Sweeping, plowing, and salting streets and Village parking areas.
- Plowing the sidewalks and the towpath. Snow banks are removed as required and sidewalks are salted in the business district.
- Maintaining Village parks, landscaping, grounds, and canal docks.
- Maintaining Village street lamps.
- Flushing sanitary and storm sewers.
- Removing trash from receptacles located throughout the village.
- Rebuilding storm sewer catch basins.
- Maintaining Village street signs. Repairs are done by Rob Harter, with help from the rest of the crew.
- Annually repainting crosswalks and street parking striping.
- Monitoring sanitary sewer siphons and pump stations.
- Repairing and maintaining our trucks and equipment.
- Maintaining our "urban forest."
- Installing holiday decorations and seasonal flowers.
- Removing graffiti.
- Maintaining village entrance signs and gateway areas.
- Tending to everything else that "goes wrong."

The Village Department of Public Works has concluded a very busy season this year. A few highlights include:

- Maple Street was milled and resurfaced. The project was done with assistance from the Town of Pittsford's DPW.
- This year, sidewalks were replaced at sites scattered throughout the village to address heaved sections and

other safety hazards. In total, 700' of sidewalks were repaired, with the largest sections being located along North Main Street and Boughton Avenue.

- As usual, Village Trustee and garden expert, Paula Sherwood, selected a variety of flowers and hanging plants to grace the business district light poles and urns at the Four Corners. Thanks to the constant care of Mike Gulnac and other DPW employees, the baskets remained beautiful through the entire season.
- The crew planted trees and tended the new landscaping surrounding the Washington/North Main Street intersection.
- Last fall, and again this fall, the DPW crew helped the Pittsford Garden Club and volunteers plant a daffodil bed along North Main Street. The bulbs were donated to the Village by the Pittsford Garden Club.
- Trees – The Village plants and maintains trees along all village streets in the Village's right-of-way. Mayor Bob Corby and DPW staff member, Steve Green, identified nearly fifty new sites for street trees this year. Trees are selected following the guidelines developed by the Cornell University Urban Horticulture Institute. Steve maintains a comprehensive inventory of every Village-owned tree and updates the information annually. Through the season, trees are trimmed, and dead, diseased, or potentially hazardous trees are removed. New trees are watered weekly during dry summer weather. If you know of a location that needs a new tree, please contact the Village Office.
- The Village has continued to follow our long-term equipment replacement plan. This season, we purchased a front-end loader, a one-ton dump truck, and a leaf machine. Approximately fifty percent of the cost for the new equipment was provided by a New York State Recycling Grant. The old equipment, including a leaf machine dating from 1956, was sold at auction.

Doug Yaeger recently joined the Village DPW staff. Doug comes to us with experience in municipal work. Doug, his wife, and family are village residents. We hope Doug will have a long and successful career with us.



Snow Removal REMINDERS

The Village DPW makes an extraordinary effort to keep our streets and sidewalks safe and passable throughout the winter season. Please help us do our job. To facilitate snow removal, the DPW crew asks residents to remember:

- Limited brush pickup will occur from November 1-March 31, since most equipment will be reconfigured for snow and ice removal. Discarded branches should not exceed 6' in length. Brush will be picked up when weather permits or when conditions warrant it.
- Overnight parking is prohibited on village streets between November 1 and April 15. The Village Code restricts parking between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. for snowplowing purposes. Tickets will be given to vehicles parked during those hours.
- Residents should be mindful to maintain the hedges along the sidewalks, as pathways need to be clear for pedestrian safety and for the sidewalk plow.
- Please keep all shoveled/plowed snow on your property. Notify your contractor that leaving snow on the sidewalk or plowing it across the street is illegal, per New York State law. Warnings will be issued to those individuals not complying with the directive.
- To facilitate the work of village plows, refuse and recycle containers should not be placed in the street or on the public sidewalk. 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.



Looking for a *Special* 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?

Prices for these long-lasting memories are:

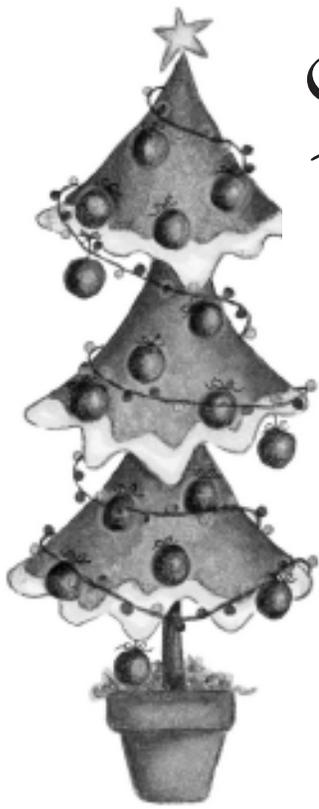
a brick - \$100

a bench - \$1000

a bike rack - \$200

*For more information or to place your order,
please call the Village Office at 586-4552.*





Candlelight Night!

Tuesday, December 2
5:00 – 9:00 p.m



This year's schedule includes three tree lightings:

5:45 p.m. at the main Pavilion on Schoen Place

6:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Building (four corners)

7:15 p.m. at the State Street entrance to Northfield Commons

This year's event is sponsored by:
The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce
The Village of Pittsford
The Town of Pittsford
The Pittsford Rotary
Eastman Savings & Loan
The Del Monte Lodge



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