

RIT's "Big Shot" is a Great Success



*Photo courtesy of the RIT Big Shot project
For further information visit the website:
www.rit.edu/bigshot*

By Trustee Paula Sherwood

On May 8, Rochester Institute of Technology held its 24th annual nighttime photo shoot on Schoen Place next to the Erie Canal. Hundreds of R.I. T. students, faculty and area residents participated in this photographic project which has been staged at various locations around the world.

The 2008 panoramic photo focused on the "Sam Patch" tour boat afloat on Erie Canal waters, with the historic Pittsford Flour Mill complex as a backdrop. Hundreds of people carried flashlights to illuminate the scene.



"Big Shot" coordinator Professor Michael Peres said that the Pittsford site was perfect for the event. This is the first time the project has had a water focus. Mayor Bob Corby and the Board of Trustees welcomed RIT staff and students at Village Hall and presented a proclamation citing the project.

It was a great night for the entire community to celebrate the beauty and charm of Pittsford Village!



Bob Corby

Bob Corby
Mayor, Village of Pittsford

Village Adopts 2008-2009 Budget

Although escalating property taxes dominate the news these days, the Village of Pittsford has not participated in the trend. When adjusted for inflation, the Village's current budget is slightly less today than it was twenty years ago. The Village Board has worked hard to minimize increases in expenditures and hold the line on property taxes. A particular challenge this year has been the increase in fuel and material costs.

Village Treasurer Mary Marowski, other staff and the Village Board develop the Village's annual budget over a four-month period from December to April.

This year, the Village Board proposed a General Operating Fund budget of \$1,057,838.00, a 3.9% increase from the previous year. \$30,000 of the 2008-2009 budget is due to the Village obtaining outside grant funding. If the grant moneys are removed from consideration, the proposed budget represents a 0.9% increase from the previous year. The village tax rate will increase 2.2% to \$2.166 per \$1000 of assessed value.

This year's budget includes:

- A new leaf vacuum and one-ton dump truck. Fifty percent of the cost of this equipment was provided by a Municipal Waste Grant.
- Cost of living salary increase for Village employees.
- Milling and paving of Maple Street and other street and sidewalk repairs
- Maintenance and upgrades at Village Hall and DPW garage
- Fifty new street trees
- Landscaping improvements at village gateways and at the North Main/Washington intersection.
- This year the Village will provide installation of curbing, storm drains, sidewalks, and other improvements along Schoen Place. This separate Capital Fund work is being partially funded by grants from New York State Canal Corporation, Heritage Areas Program, Monroe County CDBG and Village funds.

Below is a summary of the revenues and expenditures included in the 2008-2009 Village budget.

REVENUES

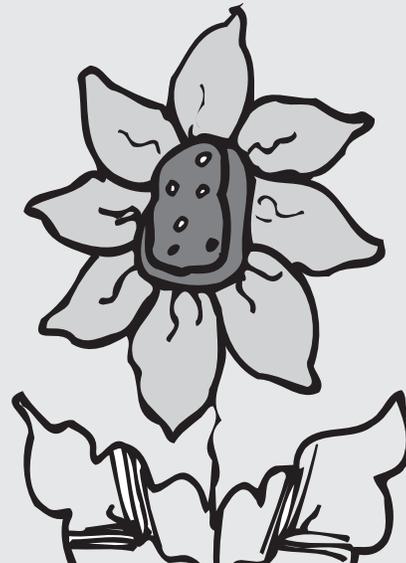
Sales tax & non property revenues.....	\$542,000
Real property tax	\$341,773
Federal & state aid.....	\$55,189
Fees, permits & fines	\$18,500
Interest & rent.....	\$16,601
Grants	\$30,000
Other	\$53,775
Total.....	\$1,057,838

EXPENDITURES

Government & administrative services.....	\$376,055
Streets, sidewalks & lighting	\$327,570
Employee benefits	\$131,828
Street cleaning, storm drainage & community beautification	\$120,700
Public safety	\$61,300
Parks & community events.....	\$15,385
Equipment reserve fund	\$25,000
Total.....	\$1,057,838

For a home with an assessed value of \$250,000, the homeowner will pay a Village tax of \$541.50, an increase of \$11.75 from the previous year.

The sewer budget of \$108,885 remains the same as last year. Sewer rates for Village properties will not change.



Village Office is Going *'green'*!

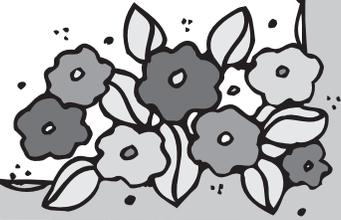
As you can imagine, day to day Village business generates a tremendous amount of paper usage. We recycle paper whenever possible and use recycled products whenever practical.

We're happy to report that the Village has recently hired a new janitorial company to clean the Village Hall that uses only "green products" to make our offices sparkle and shine.

We are using compact fluorescent light bulbs and we turn down the thermostat at the end of the day when the office is not in use.

Beginning in the 1960's, much of the Village street tree canopy was removed due to Dutch Elm disease and road work. The Village's most important "green" initiative is the multi-year effort to restore the Village's street canopy and plant new trees in all village maintained areas.

New studies indicate trees not only make streets safer for pedestrians but they are also good for your health. Children living in neighborhoods with tree canopies have a much lower incidence of asthma and other respiratory illnesses.



Long, Lazy Days of Summer? *Not Exactly!*

Summer is a busy time for Village Office staff. The Village's fiscal year ends on May 31. Afterward, the Treasurer resolves any discrepancies between projections and actual expenditures/revenues; closes the books for the fiscal year and submits records to Village's accountant for an independent audit and the preparation of the Annual Update Document which is submitted to the New York State Comptroller's Office.

This is also the time of year when the Records Management Clerk purges non-permanent records, sorts and files documents that record the past year's history.

The Village Clerk is preparing Village tax bills for mailing on June 1. The collection of taxes continues until November 1, when unpaid taxes are remanded to Monroe County for collection. July is also the time when the semi-annual sewer bill is sent to property owners.

With the arrival of the construction season, many of our residents set in motion the home improvement plans they dreamed about over the winter. Linda Habeeb, the Planning and Zoning Board/APRB Secretary, is extra busy at this time of year preparing applications and documents that have been submitted for the various Board members to review. The Building Inspector has an increased number of applicants to assist, contractors to talk to, and many properties and projects to inspect.



Theresa Robins

Welcome to Our New Part-time Staff!

In January, the Village Office staff welcomed a new part-time employee who will help us manage our records.

Theresa Robins has enthusiastically begun a career change from childcare provider (she owned "Terry's Kids Inc." Day Care Center in Pittsford from 1986-2004) to assist the Village Clerk and Treasurer with the processing, sorting, filing, and required archiving that is so crucial to maintaining Village history records for future generations.

In addition, Terry is helping with various records research projects and assists with a variety of tasks in the Village office. When she is not hard at work at her new career, Terry enjoys being an usher for Rochester Broadway Theater League events at the Auditorium Theater, and —most of all — her role as Grandma to four "perfect" grandchildren.

FROM THE DPW SUPERINTENDENT



John Cufari
DPW Superintendent

New Employee:

Mike Gulnac brings to the Village diverse talents from the construction field. Mike is an accomplished heavy equipment operator, and a sewer specialist. We welcome him to the crew.

Projects:

- Maple Street - mill and paving
- North Main Street – sidewalk replacement (spot repairs)
- Some other Village streets will get spot sidewalk repairs

New Equipment:

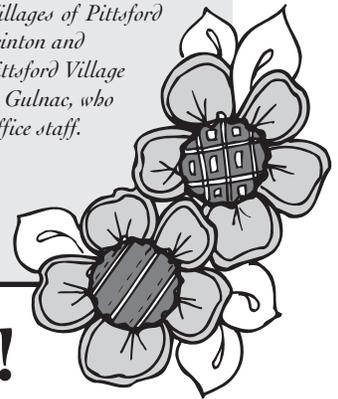
- 1-ton dump truck (will replace a 1992 pick-up truck)
- Leaf machine (will replace a 1958 leaf machine)

Brush Pick-up:

Please adhere to the brush rules. (For a copy of the rules, call 586-9320). No garbage or dog waste in the piles or containers. Also please use containers, not leaf bags.



Bowling for United Way: A spirited evening of bowling this Spring pitted teams representing the Villages of Pittsford and Fairport and the Towns of Pittsford, Perinton and Brighton against each other. Representing Pittsford Village were Andy Caschetta, Steve Green and Mike Gulnac, who were cheered on by members of the Village Office staff. The event raised \$700 for the United Way. That means everyone was a winner!



Pittsford is Blooming!

Over the last 15 years, Mayor Bob Corby and Trustee Paula Sherwood have worked closely with the Village Department of Public Works to improve the general appearance of the village through enhanced landscaping, plantings and maintenance.

This Spring, daffodils planted by the Pittsford Garden Club bloomed along the path from North Main Street to the Canal Towpath for the first time, showering gold along the waterway. The group selected long-lasting "heritage" varieties that provided a show of color for several weeks.

Last year, the New York State Department of Transportation reconstructed the North Main/Washington intersection. The first phase of enhanced landscaping for the area was installed in the fall. New trees were planted in April and roses and perennial plantings are to be completed in June. The work was coordinated by Trustee Paula Sherwood and partially funded by a donation from the Allyn's Creek Garden Club.

As part of our annual landscaping program, fifty new street trees were planted at locations throughout the Village in April and early May. The Schoen Place roses were trimmed, weeded and mulched. This year the Village floral display includes 128 flower baskets mounted on street light poles, four cast iron urns at the Four Corners and 14 large pots filled with seasonal flowers.



Trash Update



By Trustee Tim Galli

The Board of Trustees recently updated the Solid Waste Code regulating both residential and non-residential refuse collection. The Board reviewed residential trash collection issues and conducted a survey in late 2006 to identify problems and determine resident preferences. Non-residential collection was addressed in 2007. The Village Board found that the Code needed clarification and enhancement to better ensure visual and noise pollution nuisances were being addressed.

The changes made by the Board include:

- Adding a definition of holidays
- Prohibiting refuse in the public right-of-way
- Establishing hours for residential and non-residential pickup from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Prohibiting placement of refuse containers at the curb earlier than the afternoon before the day of collection and requiring removal on the day of collection
- Narrowing the definition of a dumpster to: "any container greater than two cubic yards that is designed to be mechanically emptied into a larger compactor-type vehicle."
- Requiring more than three portable refuse containers (totes) to meet the same screening requirements as dumpsters.
- Authorizing the Board of Trustees to issue annual permits to refuse haulers and define the days of the week for residential collection.

In April, the Board of Trustees issued the first annual permits to Waste Management and Youngblood Disposal for residential and non-residential collection and defined Wednesdays and Fridays as the days for residential collection. These were their normal days for pickup, so no changes to schedules were needed. Additional applications from several non-residential haulers are in process.

Tips for Using 911

By Trustee Tim Galli

Residents and business owners are generally very aware of what is going on in the Village and are in a position to help neighbors and those visiting the Village. We sometimes receive questions about when to call 911. Many of us probably are reluctant to call for non-emergency situations. The truth is that 911 is for both emergency and non-emergency situations. Here's some guidance.

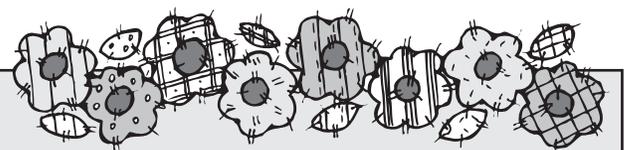
- 911 personnel determine the priority and dispatch the police, fire, EMS, or other appropriate responders depending on the situation. Also, 911 personnel have links to most cellular telephone companies to determine the location of the call with about 50 feet.
- When calling, stay on the line because Public Safety employees answer calls in the order that they are received.
- Provide as much information as possible, like exact location, nature of the problem and whether anyone is hurt. The person answering the call uses the information you provide to make a quick assessment of the priority and the relevant responder.
- Appropriate calls are for incidents or events observed or experienced by the caller.

EMERGENCY—in-process incidents requiring fire, law enforcement, medical, or other personnel. Examples include motor vehicle accidents, suspicious behaviors or activities, harassment, and road rage.

NON-EMERGENCY – includes evidence of vandalism in the Village, illegally parked vehicles, disabled vehicles in the roadway, telephone harassment, and vehicles broken into the night before.

- Inappropriate calls include those seeking information:
 - Community events
 - School closings
 - Parade information
 - Reporting rumors.
- Traffic congestion unless there is a motor vehicle accident or disabled vehicle.
- Telephone and electric outages

Additional information is available at:
<http://www.911rochester.com/publicsafety/911/index.html>



NEW PZBA BOARD MEMBERS

Dennis Peters

joined the Board in September 2007

NEW APRB MEMBERS

Maria Huot

joined in June 2007

William McBride

joined the Board in May 2008



Note to Property Owners from the Building Inspector:

By Skip Bailey

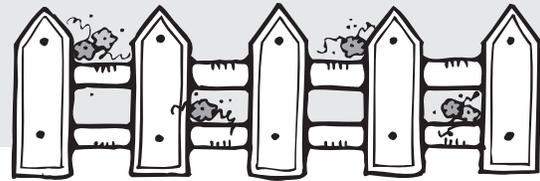
Warm weather brings an increase in outdoor work and exterior projects. The following is a reminder of Village Code requirements:

- 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 if you are planning a project affecting the outside of your home for more information.

- The Village Code and the Property Maintenance Code of NYS contain provisions regulating junk cars, refuse and debris, tall grass, and building maintenance, such as painting. Please report nuisances and or violations to the Village Office at 586-4332 or e-mail to buildinginspector@villageofpittsford.org.

- The Village Code prohibits parking of motor vehicles in front yards, unless they are parked in a legally permitted driveway. The Code also contains regulations for the parking and storage of recreational vehicles. Check with the Village Office if you plan to store a recreational vehicle on your property.

- 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 will help you with the approval process.



Benches, Bricks & Bike Racks:

Permanent memorials to family and friends

Two new memorial benches were installed in front of Saints' Place near St. Louis Church. They are given, respectively, in memory of Lillian Mitchell and Meahl and Arlyne Reisman.

If you would like information

about this very popular

program—one that does

much to enhance our environment—

please contact the Village Office at 586-4332.



WELCOME
to our new businesses!

Bucci's
5 Schoen Place

Mustard's on the Canal
(at the east entrance of Schoen Place)

Erie Canal Boat Co.
(canoe and kayak rentals on Schoen Place)

'The Sam Patch' tour boat
(welcome back!)

Resolution 4 of 2008

April 22, 2008



Kenneth L. Willard

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Village Board of Pittsford, NY, as do all the residents of our community, wish to express our sorrow at the passing of our friend, Kenneth L. Willard, and

WHEREAS, Ken served for 25 years as a member of the Village's Architectural and Preservation Review Board and during this tenure, he maintained an excellent attendance record and an unbridled enthusiasm for history and village life,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be a tribute to the memory of Kenneth L. Willard, and that it be inscribed upon a special page in our minute book.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the bereaved family.

*Robert C. Corby, Mayor
Timothy A. Galli, Deputy Mayor
Steven D. Maddox, Trustee
Paula D. Sherwood, Trustee
Mary Beth Cleary, Trustee*



Thanks, Remegia Mitchell!

Our outstanding Records Clerk takes new job as grant writer at MCC

Five years ago, Remegia Mitchell left her job as a Schoen Place merchant to become Records Management Officer and grant writer for the Village. Among her first successful grants were those that enabled her to inventory and organize decades of records, microfilming some, digitizing others, all according to the best archival practices.

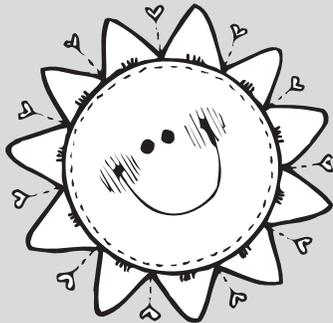
"Remegia's enthusiasm, efficiency, helpfulness, knowledge, and up-beat attitude have won her the respect and admiration of all who work with her," says Mayor Bob Corby. "We wish her well in her new job at MCC, and are grateful that she will continue to lead our Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals."

As a grant writer, Remegia seemed without peer, successfully securing funds at a time when funding sources were limited. Many of our waterfront improvements, including the pump-out dock for canal boats, are in place thanks to the grants she sought and received. Her efforts have paid for recycling equipment for the DPW, a historic resource inventory, design guidelines, and hand-capped accessibility improvements at the Village Office. She also prepared the applications which gave the Village recognition for its downtown revitalization efforts.

Many thanks, Remegia!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



TOWN OF PITTSFORD EVENTS

Positively Pittsford	Sat., June 14	12 - 9 p.m.	State St. municipal lot
Pittsford Celebrates (fireworks)	Sat., Sept. 13	12 - 9 p.m.	State St. municipal lot
Family Halloween Fest	Sun., Oct. 26	2 - 5 p.m.	St. John Fisher College

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES *Sponsored by Town of Pittsford*

The summer concert series held on Friday evenings in the Port of Pittsford Park is one of our most popular events. Performances are 7- 8:30 in June and July; August concerts begin one-half hour earlier at 6:30.

June 13	78 RPM Big Band
June 20	RPO Marimba Band
June 27	Hard Logic (jazz infusion)
July 11	Blue Sky (country)
July 18	Joey T and the Formula (in conjunction with PYS Duck Drop)
July 25	Brockport Community Big Band
August 1	Janet Beaman (jazz/blues)
August 8	Pittsford Firemen's Band

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