



IT'S ALWAYS A BEAUTIFUL DAY ON THE CANAL

# Village of Pittsford Newsletter

## Fall 2013

## Our Village Streets

The Village of Pittsford has received a grant from the [Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council](#) to assist the Village in establishing a plan to address existing challenges associated with our streets. We have just begun the consultant selection process and expect to complete the project within the coming year.

### STREET SENSE

The Village contains 30 public streets; eight of which belong to New York State and 22 of which belong to the Village. Golf Avenue, which abuts the northeast corner of the Village, is a county road. The Village also contains several private drives such as Stonegate Lane. Private drives are not constructed to public highway standards and are privately owned and maintained.

Every street is a public right-of-way that exists to accommodate public access (pedestrians and vehicular transportation), public utility services, and other public purposes such as parking and community events. The government-owned property or right of way associated with each street extends beyond the actual roadway pavement.

For the majority of Village streets, the right-of-way includes the sidewalk and the grass strip between the sidewalk and the edge of roadway pavement. On a few

streets such as Courtenay Circle, which has no sidewalks, the right-of-way extends onto the front lawns of abutting properties. Widths of streets and rights of way vary greatly. Each street right of way is dimensioned on County and Village tax maps and is also shown to scale on the official [Village Zoning Map](#).

### KEEPING UP

The Village maintains the pavement of Village-owned streets while the New York Department of Transportation maintains the pavement and traffic lights on the Village's state highways. The state contracts with

the Town of Pittsford to plow state highways within the Town of Pittsford, including those in the Village. On all streets, the Village is responsible for sidewalks and street trees. Maintenance of private improvements within the public right of way, including driveway aprons and water and sanitary sewer laterals are the responsibility of the property owner they serve. Grass within the strip between the roadway pavement and sidewalk is considered a private improvement that the adjacent property owner must maintain.

Under New York State Law, the Village is allowed to establish setback distances for zoning purposes. Setbacks



### Questions?

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establish where buildings, structures, fences, pools, etc. can be placed upon a property. On public streets within the village, the front setback is measured from the street right-of-way line. The right-of-way line is dimensioned on Village tax maps and is shown to scale on the official zoning map. Individual property survey maps normally also dimension the location of the street right-of-way line. The Village recognizes that the physical character of its streets is one of the characteristics that sets the Village apart as a special place and contributes to residents' quality of life.

For the past 20 years, Village government has been working to restore damaged streetscapes, eliminate inappropriate suburban road "improvements," and make streets safer and more pleasant for pedestrians. These goals became official Village policy in 2011 when the Village adopted a [Complete Streets policy](#). --Rob Corby is Mayor of the Village of Pittsford



## From Village Hall:

In July, Trustee Stacey Freed had to step down from the Board because family circumstances led her to move outside the Village of Pittsford. She was no longer eligible to keep her seat.

Mayor Corby appointed long-time Village resident Frank Galusha to replace Freed. Galusha has been a village resident and active member of the community for over 30 years. He has been in the field of finance and banking since graduation from St. John Fisher when he joined Marine Midland Bank. Subsequent employment experience includes work with the Bank of America at its corporate headquarters in North Carolina and for two national accounting firms. He has also worked with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation/Resolution Trust Corporation during the national savings and loan crisis and during the recent national financial/banking crisis.

Corby also appointed recently elected Lili Lanphear as deputy mayor, replacing board veteran Tim Galli. Lanphear had been a 19-year member of the Planning and Zoning Board before winning a seat on the Village Board in March. Galli remains on the board.

To learn more about the Village Board of Trustees visit [The Village of Pittsford website](http://www.villageofpittsford.org/government/trustees/members.asp), <http://www.villageofpittsford.org/government/trustees/members.asp>

- Villagers have until October 31<sup>st</sup> to pay Village taxes. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, unpaid tax bills are remitted to Monroe County for collection.
- Village Treasurer Mary Marowski attended the annual Fall Training School last month. Sponsored by the New York Conference of Mayors, the program is a valuable week-long educational experience with classes in areas of municipal law, government operations, employee relations, and local government finance.
- In September, Village Clerk Anne Hartsig worked with Trustee Tim Galli to begin the process of the renewal of Village insurance policies.
- This fall, the Village Clerk has begun the new compliance tasks that have resulted from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. With the help of Trustee Galli, she will begin the annual exploration of health care coverage for Village employees for the 2014 calendar year. This year will require the integration of new requirements.

## Upcoming meetings:

[Board of Trustees](#): Tues., Oct. 22, 7:00 pm

[Planning and Zoning Board](#): Thurs, Oct. 17, 5:00 pm;  
Mon. Oct. 28, 7:00 pm

[Architectural Preservation and Review Board](#): Mon.,  
Nov. 4, 7:00 pm



# From the Building Inspector

## Winter Heating Season

With the exception of recent insanely high temperatures, fall and winter are quickly approaching. With the season change everyone will turn up the thermostat and put the logs in the fireplace. Regardless of your heating preference, all appliances require maintenance and cleaning to continue to work safely and efficiently. A dirty furnace can lessen its functionality and use additional fuel. Chimneys require yearly cleaning to remove creosote buildups which can clog your flue and even cause fires within the chimney. Often times the resulting firefighting operations cause even more damage to the chimney that require expensive repairs. The saying that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure is very appropriate with heating appliances.

## Winter Snow Removal

How many times have you seen a driveway being cleared of snow with the driver pushing the snow into the road and then angling the plow to distribute it along the side of the road as he's leaving? This is a very dangerous practice and could result in a ticket being

issued. It is also not a good practice to use your snow blower to throw snow into the street



and wait for the plow to take it away. Please be considerate of pedestrians and drivers as you remove the snow; winter is hazardous enough without our help.

--John Limbeck is the Village building inspector

# Save the date - Candlelight Night

Tuesday, December 3 from 4-9 PM in the Village of Pittsford. Help support local businesses



# New Business

## Salvatore's Pizzeria

Now open in the Village of Pittsford! Greg Dillingham, long-time Salvatore's owner of the Monroe Avenue/Clover Lanes location, has opened his second location in downtown Pittsford at the corner of Main St. & Church St.



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**PROCLAMATION**

On this Seventeenth Day of September, 2013, the Village of Pittsford Board of Trustees mourns the recent passing of lifelong Pittsford Resident and Community Activist Mary Knickerbocker Menzie.

**WHEREAS**, Mary worked diligently toward the betterment of the Pittsford Community through her work as an active member and President of Historic Pittsford over a period of forty years, and

**WHEREAS**, Mary's leadership and vocal advocacy were instrumental in the outcome of many important community issues, including the establishment of the Village Preservation Code, the limiting of commercial encroachment into village neighborhoods, the resistance to widening of village streets, the administration of the village architectural consultation program, the preservation of a village library and high school, the passage of the Green Print Referendum and the promotion of the Village as a Certified Local Government, and

**WHEREAS**, Mary encouraged the Village to plan for the renewal of Schoen Place a decade before the Village finally took action, and

**WHEREAS**, part of the village's charm, well-preserved historic character, and status as a widely recognized historic preservation-centered municipality in part are due to the lifelong outspoken advocacy and diligent efforts of Mary Menzie,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board, on behalf of the entire village community, expresses sincere gratitude for Mary's work and tonight, observes a moment of silence to mark her passing.



**Robert C. Corby, Mayor**  
**VILLAGE OF PITTSFORD**