



Village of
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AUTUMN IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER – ENJOY THE WEATHER AND OUR VILLAGE

Around the Village:



Mayor Corby and his dog Jack with Syracuse University architecture students.

For the past six years I have had the pleasure of lecturing a class of Syracuse University School of Architecture students on planning and historic preservation. Every year students ask, “Why does Pittsford Village feel so different?” Their perspective gives me an opportunity to reflect on how we are doing in protecting our history and other assets and looking ahead to identify and implement strategies to improve our village. Here are a few of the initiatives we have recently completed or that we will be working on in the near future.

- Trustee Frank Galusha has revised and updated the long-range equipment and infrastructure plan. Frank’s work provides a 10-year roadmap for village equipment, roads and sidewalks.

- Several years ago Pittsford Canalside Properties severed and capped a storm water culvert draining Sutherland High School and the Village Green Office Park causing severe flooding south of the CSX Railroad. The Village has reached an agreement with PCP and CSX to fully restore the culvert to full working capacity. The work is expected to be completed this fall.
- On the traffic calming front, speed humps were installed this summer on Boughton Ave. New sidewalks and a circular striped island will be installed at the intersection of Elmbrook Dr. and East View Terr.
- In November, work will begin on the next phase of the Village’s traffic-calming master plan. The work is part of a joint town/village traffic circulation study funded by the Genesee Transportation Council.
- The Village has requested State Senator Rich Funke’s assistance in passing a bill in the State Legislature that will lower the village speed limit from 30 to 25 miles per hour.



**Village Mayor
Bob Corby**

From Village Hall:



New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) president Mayor Richard Milne, Village of Honeoye Falls, and Andrew SanFilippo of the State Comptroller's office recognize Pittsford Village treasurer Mary Marowski's attendance for the past 15 years at the organization's annual Fall School.

NYCOM and the Office of the State Comptroller collaborate each year to provide a training program. Classes offer information in municipal law, government operations, and local finance issues.

Sign of the Times

The Community Event sign has a new home near Bob Ford field (at Jefferson Road and South Street). The Village has provided the sign as an alternative to the use of A-frame sandwich board signs.

All Pittsford-based non-profit organizations may post community events, in accordance with the policy adopted by the Village, with priority given to official Town or Village events.



Political, religious, or personal messages or events will not be allowed.

Listing requests will be processed and assigned on first-received basis and will take into account the event date. Two events can be posted at one time. Posts are limited to seven days.

Requests must be received at the Village at least two weeks prior to the start date. A listing request form can be found on the Pittsford Village website at www.villageofpittsford.org. It can be filled in and emailed to villageclerk@villageofpittsford.com, or downloaded, printed, and mailed.

Forms are also available at the Village Hall at 21 North Main Street. Listing requests cannot be accepted via phone. If you have any questions, contact the Village Office, 586-4332.

Upcoming meetings:

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Village Board:

Click [here](#) for meeting minutes

Next meetings: 10/13; 10/27; 11/10; 12/8

APRB:

Click [here](#) for meeting minutes

Next meetings: 11/2; 12/7

Planning & Zoning:

Click [here](#) for meeting minutes

Next meetings: 10/19; 11/16; 12/14

Newsletter is Paperless

Village Hall would like as many residents as possible to receive this newsletter. It would also like to save money on paper and postage.

Please tell friends and neighbors about the newsletter and to send their email address to Stacey Freed, Stacey.Freed@gmail.com, or Dorothea Cicarelli, pittsfordvillage@frontiernet.net. We will do our best to print and mail issues to those without an email address.

Questions?

Contact Mayor Corby by phone at 750-0739 or email at PittsfordVillage@frontiernet.net



From the Department of Public Works:

The Village of Pittsford DPW, in addition to the normally scheduled duties, completed several projects this summer. Besides the general repairs to our road surfaces, an application of a special protective wearing surface (chip sealing) was applied to three of our roads: the south end of Rand Place between East Jefferson Rd. and South Main St. and Locust and Church Streets.

In addition, the crew, with the help of the Town of Pittsford Highway Department, milled and paved Elmbrook Dr. Major portions of sidewalk on Boughton Ave. were removed and replaced and a total reconstruction of six storm sewer catch basins was completed on Washington Ave., Sutherland St., South Main St., and Lincoln Ave.



LEAF PICKUP: We urge residents to follow the Village's leaf and brush pick-up guidelines. Of special importance is not to combine leaf and brush piles as

they will be picked up separately.

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING: November 15th to April 15 overnight parking is prohibited on village streets. Village Code restricts "on-street parking" between 2:00 am and 6:00 am to facilitate snow plowing.

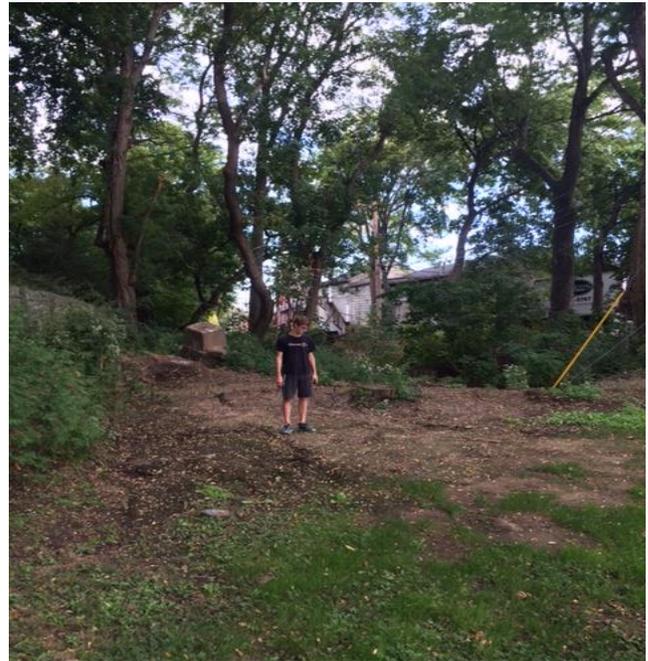
SNOW PLOWING: Please keep all shoveled/plowed snow on your property. Please notify your contractor that leaving snow on the sidewalk or plowing it across the street is illegal as per New York State law.

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.

Be mindful to maintain the hedges along the sidewalk as pathways need to be clear for pedestrian safety and for the sidewalk plow.

New Provisional DPW Superintendent: Robert Harter has successfully served in many capacities since joining the

DPW in 2004. His time with the Village was interrupted twice when he served two tours in Iraq as a combat construction engineer. The Board of Directors congratulates Rob on his new position and are confident that he, and the department under his leadership, will provide exceptional service to our residents.—*Doug Yaeger, Village DPW*



Pittsford Eagle Scout Jake Hoppa walks the site on North Main St.

More Green Space

Local Eagle Scout to build pocket park

A small patch of land on North Main Street is about to be transformed thanks to Eagle Scout Jake Hoppa.

This past summer, Trustee Lili Lanphear sent a letter to several scout troops asking if someone might want to take on a reclamation project. "The area has always been a problematic dead zone," says Lanphear of the 100' x 36' space between Roberts Kitchens and the Dairy. Hoppa, who belongs to Troop 336, was looking for an Eagle Scout project and responded to Lanphear's request immediately.

Hoppa designed a pocket park—with benches, fencing, plantings and an educational plaque that highlights information about the Auburn Railroad line that once ran through the property. He presented his proposal to the Village Board and the design to the APRB.

More Green Space Continued:

He wrote letters to Home Depot, Lowes and 84 Lumber to ask for donations of materials and supplies. The Village DPW helped clean the area this summer. Hoppa, his troop, and people from his Fairport United Methodist Church youth group have agreed to help with the project, which should be completed by Nov. 1.

Leadership is an important aspect of the Eagle Scout project, Hoppa says. "I wanted my project to stand out. It has a certain degree of difficulty, but I know it will be around for a long time and will be a testament to the traits that an Eagle Scout project should have."

Pittsford in the News



Congratulations to Village resident [Dave Jewett](#) (Lincoln Ave.) who won the 56th annual [Lumberjack World Championships](#) in Hayward, Wisc., in July. (Read the *Democrat & Chronicle's* full [story](#).)



East High graduates honored Herb Kramer (of Golf Ave), (pictured here with his wife Fran) on his 80th birthday.

Kramer taught science from 1961 until 1990. (Read the *Democrat & Chronicle's* full [story](#).)



In its August issue, *Family Circle* magazine named Pittsford to its 2015 list of [Best Towns for Families](#)--the only East Coast town to make the cut.



Business Beat:



[Via Girasole Wine Bar](#) at 3 Schoen Place is now open with Happy Hour specials; wine, beer and cider offerings; classes; charcuterie plates and more.



[Chandeliers Boutique](#), clothing and accessories, has moved a few doors down North Main St. to the four corners.



La Paire Optique, a new eyeglass store, will open soon 34 South Main St.

If you'd like to see a new or an existing Village business highlighted, contact Stacey Freed at

Stacey.Freed@gmail.com

Save the Date:



Family Halloween Fest: Sun., Oct. 25, 2:00–5:00 p.m. at St. John Fisher

Save the Date Continued:

Public Vision Meeting for the Town of Pittsford [Comprehensive Plan](#), **Thurs., Nov. 5**, 6:00p.m. at Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street.

According to the Town [website](#): The 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update includes revisions to the Town of Pittsford’s existing Comprehensive Plan, completed in 2009.... This update also focuses on special topics of interest to the community including preservation of open space, access to parks and trails, as well as the potential impacts of future growth (local and regional) on the town’s transportation system and character.

Candlelight Night: Tues., Dec. 1, 5:00-9:00 p.m



Along with the Christmas tree lightings, horse and buggy rides and strolling carolers, there will be pub crawl for adults and

more food vendors than in years’ past.

Pittsford History:

The Sutherland Family



The Sutherland family home at 42 Monroe Avenue.

It’s likely that everyone in Pittsford has heard the name “Sutherland” and knows the street or the school.

Perhaps you have wondered about the name and how it came that a family was represented by naming a street after them.

In 1824 Ebenezer Sutherland (born in Columbia County, 1793) his bride, Gertrude Husted, and two young sons boarded a packet boat on the Erie Canal headed to the farthest western point – Rochester.



Ebenezer Sutherland

The Sutherland and Husted parents had provided money to purchase a large tract of land in the town of Pittsford that had been owned by Glover Perrin and extended from French Road east to Washington Avenue in the village.

The two boys, Isaac and Jay Lewis, were eventually joined by five more children. Jay died as a young adult, but Isaac grew and thrived in his community. He entered the political circle and was Pittsford’s Justice of the Peace and Town Assessor for over 30 years as well as being appointed Sheriff of Monroe County and holding other offices in Pittsford and the County of Monroe.

Isaac married Gulielma Wilber in 1851 in their parlor at 42 Monroe Avenue. The couple had eight children together and lived in that home for many years and remodeled it



The Sutherland sisters, Jennie and Saide, in front of their Monroe Avenue home.

into a grand home. Their son, Charles W., married Sarah Ardella Ladd who had family connections in Greece, N.Y., so that is where they chose to live.

However, Charles loved his childhood home and visited it as often as possible. The girls--Cora, Mary, Susan, Jane (Jennie), Anna and Sarah (Sadie)--were sports minded. They organized a tennis club and played vigorously on a grass court located about where the Messner carpet building is today. – [Audrey Johnson](#) is the Town of Pittsford Historian and co-author of Images of America, Pittsford. *This text is adapted from Historic Pittsford’s Winter 2014 [Newsletter](#).* Photos courtesy of Charles Lenhart.