



Village of  
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SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

## Around the Village:

Over the last several decades, demands on the Village Department of Public Works have increased due to state and federal drainage mandates, development of the canal waterfront, and the expansion of park areas within the Village. Escalating equipment and pavement costs have placed a significant strain on the Village's budget. Increased wear on Village streets from higher traffic volumes and diminished state highway aid have resulted in additional budgeting pressure.

Bearing these factors in mind, the Village Board of Trustees has initiated an analysis of the Village's long-term equipment, facility, and infrastructure requirements. To ensure the Village will continue to have sufficient revenue to fund anticipated future needs, an inventory of existing assets and a projected schedule for the purchase of equipment, repair of infrastructure, and facility maintenance is being developed. This analysis will produce a ten-year schedule that will help to guide us through the next decade.

One of the most important emerging priorities is securing funding for traffic calming and walkability improvements. The Village has received a \$30,000 grant from the [Genesee Transportation Council](#) to conduct a plan addressing key traffic and pedestrian challenges. The

study is being conducted in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford.

Recently we have hired [SRF Associates](#) to conduct an area study of Grove Street. Based on feedback from neighborhood residents, the goal is to both calm traffic and make the street safer and pedestrian-friendly. Preliminary plans recommend narrowing the streets, adding a sidewalk and street trees. Construction for the project will occur in 2016.



**Village Mayor  
Bob Corby**

### Questions?

Contact Mayor Corby by phone at 750-0739 or email at [PittsfordVillage@frontiernet.net](mailto:PittsfordVillage@frontiernet.net)

## From Village Hall:

### New Trustees Elected in March Plummer and Caraberis now on Board

**A**lysa Subtelny Plummer recently returned to her hometown of Pittsford after 30 years of living in New York City, Boston, New Orleans, Miami Beach, Hollywood, and Ft. Lauderdale, where she was president of the Sailboat Bend Civic Association.

Sailboat Bend is the oldest neighborhood in Ft Lauderdale and the largest historic district in Broward County. The neighborhood's population is slightly greater than the Village of Pittsford and in a highly urban area on the New River. While there, Plummer participated in numerous studies, budget reviews and design charrettes at the neighborhood, city and county level regarding traffic, pedestrian and general public safety, public transportation, historic property surveys, water access, green space and recreational facilities. She served on task forces to rewrite the City of Fort Lauderdale's Historic Preservation Code and to create uniform design guidelines for the city.



Newly elected Village Trustees, Alys Plummer (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and Margaret "Peggy" Caraberis (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) stand with Trustee Frank Galusha (L), Mayor Rob Corby (back) and Trustee Lili Lanphear (R)

A chef and certified food educator, Plummer has a passion for design and old houses and has renovated/restored properties in Boston; New Orleans; and Hollywood and Ft Lauderdale, Fla. Currently she's at work on her circa-1872 property in the Village of Pittsford.

argaret "Peggy" Caraberis grew up in Trumbull, Conn., and for the past 30 years has lived in the same house in the Village with her husband T. Peter Brizee, a real estate broker. Their son Truman lives in Brooklyn.

Caraberis has been involved in numerous task forces, committees, and planning groups for both the Village and Town of Pittsford and the school district. Her first volunteer effort for the Village was serving on the Village Water Service Task Force during Mayor Holzwarth's administration.

Caraberis attended William Smith College (BA, History) and the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, where she earned a Master's degree in public health. She also holds an associate real estate broker's license with T. Peter Brizee Realtors and has worked with not-for-profit organizations providing planning and program development services. Most recently she was the president of Historic Pittsford and has volunteered on the development committee of the Rochester Child-First Network, the Pittsford Garden Club and the Town of Pittsford Task Force on the Spiegel Center.

She says she is honored to now serve as a Village Trustee and has high hopes for elevating the public discourse.

### Newsletter is Paperless

**V**illage 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](mailto:Stacey.Freed@gmail.com), or Dorothea Cicarelli, [pittsfordvillage@frontiernet.net](mailto:pittsfordvillage@frontiernet.net). We will do our best to print and mail issues to those without an email address.



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## Upcoming meetings:

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

### Village Board:

Click [here](#) for meeting minutes

Next meetings: May 26 (agenda May 22); June 9 (June 5);  
July 14 (July 10); August 11 August 7

### APRB:

Click [here](#) for meeting minutes

Next meetings: June 1 (application deadline May 18); July 6 (June 22); August 3 (July 20)

### Planning & Zoning:

Click [here](#) for meeting minutes

Next meetings: June 15 (application deadline May 27); July 20 (July 1); August 17 (July 29)

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## From the Department of Public Works:



When putting your brush debris at the side of the road, please make sure that trees and branches are no more than 8ft in length.

Please do not mix any stone, concrete, fencing or any other type of raw material in with your brush pile. The Village DPW will not be able to pick up piles that have foreign material in it besides your brush. Keep brush piles in or on the shoulder of the road way.

The roads around the Village took a pretty good beating this winter due to the extreme cold weather. The DPW has and will continue to fill and repair pot holes throughout the Village. The Village DPW also will be scheduling various road maintenance projects including milling and paving Grove St., micro-paving Elmbrook Dr. and chip sealing the south end of Rand Pl. between East Jefferson Rd. and South Main St.

Sections of sidewalks throughout the Village will be repaired and replaced this summer. We will also be placing pedestrian crossing signs in designated areas.

Any questions or concerns call the DPW at 586-9320. Thanks for all of your support and have a great spring and summer. --Doug Yaeger, Village DPW

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## Spotlight on New Business:

### Pittsford Wine Bar to Open This Summer

Via Girasole owner Nicole Casciani says she's following her love for wine and converting the Schoen Place gourmet grocery space to a wine bar that will serve wines by the glass, bottle and flight along with beer by the bottle and flight, paired with small fare to share plates.



"Although I loved what the gourmet shop had to offer, I am excited to start a new venture with the wine bar," says Casciani, a Pittsford resident. "I look forward to

much success and to be able to bring a new venue for the community to enjoy wines and beer leisurely. I can't wait to see familiar faces along with new as soon as we open." Via Girasole Gourmet will be liquidating all remaining inventory as the transition occurs.

For additional information, contact Nicole Casciani 585.641.0340.

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## Business Beat:

### Hicks & McCarthy Gets Makeover

New carpeting and kitchen equipment and bar, staff and menu changes are just a few of the upgrades at the 102-year-old Hicks & McCarthy. Kay Burnham and her husband Charles Burnham, who also own Stoney's Family Restaurant in Gates, bought the 23 South Main Street Pittsford eatery in mid-March.

Kay grew up in Charles in Pittsford. They



Spencerport, Webster and have a house in Avon Village and property in Corn Hill and "love to rehab historic property," Charles says "We love Village life and

[Hicks & McCarthy] fit what we were looking for in a new venture.”

Charles, along with his cousin chef Aaron Porter, attended to culinary school. They plan a menu of “grassroots comfort food with a twist. Things that are nicely plated and are organic or locally grown, but not frou-frou tiny plates,” Charles says. “We do a pot roast that we make here that just falls apart.” Most of their breads are made from scratch or bought from local bakeries.

Hours: Mon. & Tues. 7 a.m. - 3:00 pm; Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.; Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Pub Re-Opens under New Ownership



The [Pittsford Pub & Grille](#), the popular bar and restaurant at 60 North Main Street, has been updated and renovated and re-opened in mid March.

Under new ownership of Pittsford local Scott Thyroff, who also owns the [Basin Pub](#) in Bushnells Basin, the Pittsford Pub features some major changes including a new bar and remodeled dining area. “We’re extremely pleased with the concept of the refreshed Pittsford Pub,” Thyroff says. “Craft beers will be a very big part of our business. We’re offering more than two dozen options through our new draught lines. Currently, we have beers from Bell’s Brewery, Founders Brewery, Three Heads Brewery and Dogfish Head Craft Brewed Ale.”

*If you’d like to see a new or an existing Village business highlighted, contact Stacey Freed at [Stacey.Freed@gmail.com](mailto:Stacey.Freed@gmail.com)*

## Pittsford History:

### Remembering Veterans



While you’re in the [Pittsford Cemetery](#) this Memorial Day and the songs and speeches are over, why not take a walk with your loved ones around that quiet place and look to see the names on the gravestones that are marked with a small flag.

Placed by members of the [cemetery board](#), those flags show the community where U.S. war veterans are buried. There are veterans from the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Iraq, and even one veteran from the Revolutionary War who served as paymaster to George Washington. There is also one marked with a Confederate flag showing the grave of a man who fought against the Union during the War Between the States. When the conflict was over, he came here from his home in Missouri to live, work, and raise a family in our neighboring community of East Rochester. Gravestones can tell stories about those people who once lived in our community. Check the dates on the stones and the service times.

If you’re interested in knowing more about this cemetery and those who rest there, such as earlier settlers, consider taking a [tour](#) given by me and historian [Vicki Profitt](#). Contact the Town of Pittsford at 248-6280 for tour schedules.

[Audrey Johnson](#) is the Town of Pittsford Historian.

## Save the Date:

# Pittsford Village Farmers Market opens season Thursday, June 11.

