



Village of Pittsford

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THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER

From the Mayor:



One of Pittsford's unique assets is that the Village center still retains most of the community's important services. The Spiegel Recreation and Community Center housed, at 35 Lincoln Avenue, is one of these. Having the rec center in a central, walkable location is a great benefit to children and young citizens unable to drive.

The Town of Pittsford has done an exhaustive study – including hosting three public meetings -- to identify the best way to meet the needs of the department of

recreation facilities. This included evaluating whether to build a new structure on a new site or to renovate the 100-year old Lincoln Avenue School building.

It turns out that there's a significant cost savings to renovate the building, upgrade mechanical systems and reallocate space to programming and security needs. Also, having the rec center in this central location minimizes traffic generation because it's in the most convenient location for most residents. Renovation eliminates the need for the purchase of additional real estate. It also preserves the green space, playing fields and heavily used playground enjoyed by Village and Town residents.

In addition to a complete interior renovation, the project will include handicap accessibility, exterior improvements and an expansion of onsite parking.

The Lincoln Avenue school building is a solid masonry structure and to build something comparable today would cost over \$30 million. Renovation is the most



**Village Mayor
Bob Corby**

prudent cost to balance the community's recreational needs with the need to limit local taxes.

[Passero Associates](#) is the design architect. To see renderings visit the Town's [website](#).

The Village and Town of Pittsford will be holding a public information meeting on the Community Center's remodel and expansion on **October 6, 2016 from 7 - 8:30 PM at Village Hall, 21 North Main Street.**

A referendum vote is scheduled for [October 18](#) at King's Bend Park, 170 Jefferson Road. If approved, the work should begin in 2017.

About Time

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any of you know the clock at corners working on over year and during this let's just clock had correct day.

The clock was a gift to the village made possible by Pittsford residents Robert "Bud" Frame and his wife Peggy. Produced by [Verdin Company](#) in Cincinnati, Ohio, the clock stands 16-feet tall and is an accurate reproduction of a vintage Seth Thomas clock from the 1800s. Verdin has been making a wide variety of clocks since 1842 and has a national reputation.

Over the years, time finally took its toll on the majestic four-corners clock; it was apparent the

internal motor and mechanisms must be replaced. The clock has now been completely refurbished and repaired. Lighting in the clock will also be upgraded to more energy efficient LED technology with experts from the Verdin Company completing all of the repairs. Once this project is completed the iconic clock should be keeping perfect time, once again, for years to come.

A Tree Grew in Pittsford



The iconic European copper beech tree near the four corners is ailing.

According to the Town: An evaluation in 2011 by a professional arborist and tree pathologist disclosed that the tree is infected with *Kretzschmaria deusta* -- a deadly fungus that causes soft rot, killing a tree's bark and wood and decaying the trunk and root system until the tree is unable to support itself.

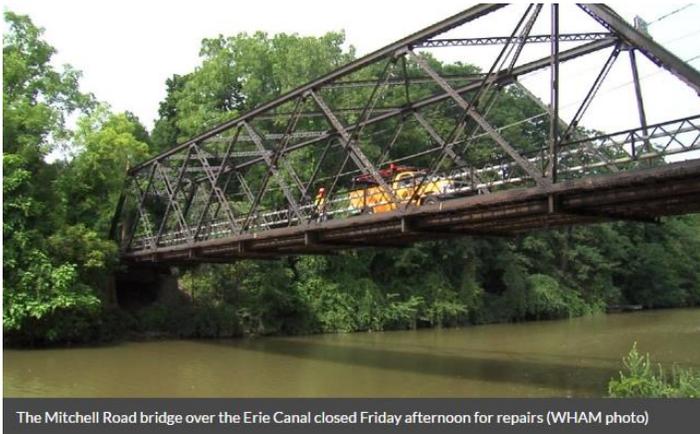
Arborists have no cure for this fungus. Our Parks Department attempted to arrest the disease by treating the copper beech with an anti-fungal agent effective in managing another fungus that affects trees similarly. This did not work. The decay has spread.

In late February of 2016, small cuttings from the crown of the tree, called *scions*, were collected by an arborist and then grafted on to living rootstock. As of June, the arborist had over 100 successful grafts

growing. The young trees will remain in the arborist's care for three growing seasons; once they are ready, young copper beech trees will be planted around town, starting a new chapter of the copper beech's history in Pittsford.

The large beech tree likely will be removed in the next three to four years.

Bridge Repairs



The Mitchell Road bridge over the Erie Canal closed Friday afternoon for repairs (WHAM photo)

The Mitchell Road Bridge was closed in early September to permit a structural evaluation.

Kevin Bush, regional director of the New York Department of Transportation, has reported to the Village that the evaluation determined about 90 steel members of the bridge need to be replaced.

The work will be completed over the winter by the New York Department of Transportation forces. The bridge is scheduled to reopen sometime in March.

From Village Hall:

Tax Time

Villages taxes need to be paid by October 31, 2016. After that point they will be turned over to Monroe County and appear as a levy on residents' County taxes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Village Clerk, Dorothea Ciccarelli, at the Village office at 586-4332.

Treasurer Receives Awards

The Village Office is thrilled to congratulate Village treasurer Mary Marowski on receiving not one but two certifications at the recent New York Conference of Mayors Fall Training school.



Mary received the Registered Municipal Clerk Certification from The New York State Association of City and Village Clerks. The Register Municipal program was established to recognize educational and professional accomplishments in an effort to promote education to help clerks better serve their communities.

Mary also received credentials from the New York State Society of Municipal Finance Officers. For this award, applicants need to obtain credit for experience and education and endorse the Code of Ethics for Municipal Finance Officers. The program was established to encourage continuing education and training of municipal finance officers to enable them to serve their community with confidence, skill and professionalism, as well as to be informed of the ever-changing government finance issues and mandates.

Next time you visit the Village office, be sure and congratulate Mary on her accomplishments!

Thank You

The Village offers special thanks to resident Mona Alongi for her donation of hostas to be planted at the new Auburn pocket park on North Main Street next to Robert's Kitchens.

Upcoming meetings:

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

Village Board:

Click [here](#) for meeting minutes

[Next meetings:](#) 10/11; 10/25; 11/8; 12/13

APRB:

Click [here](#) for meeting minutes

[Next meetings:](#) 10/3; 11/7; 12/5

Planning & Zoning:

Click [here](#) for meeting minutes

[Next meetings:](#) 10/17; 11/21; 12/12



From the Department of Public Works:

As usual, the DPW has been busy. Here's a round-up of some of the larger projects this year:

- Grove St. reconstruction including new sidewalks on the east side. New striping added to make for a safer environment.
- All Village benches stained.
- Trees trimmed where needed.
- Woodcreek sanitary pump station upgraded with a standby generator (in case of power loss) and new pumps.

The Village also purchased new equipment this year. Ever conscious of budget, they were purchased off state contracts at a sizeable savings to the Village:

- Front-end loader, used for yard debris
- Ford F-350 pickup truck
- Roller, used to compact asphalt

Yard Debris Pickup

Yard debris pick up will continue until the last Monday in October (10/31). If the route is not finished on Monday, the team will continue to pick up brush until the route is finished. After the last Monday in October, yard debris will be picked up when time is available.

Please adhere to the following brush regulations:

- No loose grass piles will be accepted
- Keep containers less than 50 lbs.

Leaf Pickup:

Leaf pickup will begin as soon as there are enough leaves down and will continue as long as weather permits. Leaves are picked up with a vacuum machine.



Please adhere to the following leaf regulations:

- Keep all leaves separate from other debris
- Pile leaves between the sidewalk and the road

Winter Reminders:

- Please adhere to all parking restrictions so that roads can be plowed to full width.
- Please do not put garbage totes or recycling bins in the street or on the sidewalk so that the plows can work efficiently.
- Please stay back 500 ft. from all plows and salting vehicles. These trucks stop often to backup and re-enter streets.

The Village DPW is working on the roadwork and sidewalk plan for 2017 and for the future.

Thank you to all the village residents for continuing to adhere to the regulations. --Rob Harter,
superintendent@villageofpittsford.com

Questions? Contact the Village Office at 586-4332 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and the DPW garage after hours at 340-1433.



[Kalea Salon](#) recently opened at 19 State Street.

From the Building Inspector:

New York State Fire Codes require all new and

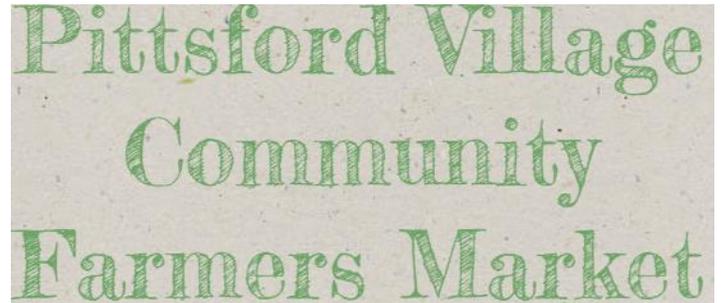
existing buildings to have an approved address number/building identification number placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers should contrast with their background.

The numbers should be Arabic numerals, a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of ½ inch.

It is the property owner's responsibility to install and maintain these addressing numbers. Please make sure that your property is in compliance with this State Fire Code requirement.

Emergency responders need to be able to see your address numbers clearly for quick response times. This could help in an emergency when you really need assistance. --*Village Building Inspector, Floyd D. Kofahl.*

Phone: 585-586-4332 Email: buildinginspector@villageofpittsford.com



Farmers Market Season Ends October 15

"Stock up. The farmers are happy to tell you how to store their products for the winter," says Elizabeth Carey, who, along with Robert Putney, manages this market and three others. "Running farmer's markets fits with what we do," says Carey, who also owns [Impact Earth](#), a zero waste solutions company, with Putney.

Carey says the [Pittsford Village market](#), which is open on Saturday mornings, has become a destination for many people. "Eating healthier and knowing the farmers personally, seeing their growing practices is important," Carey says. "Knowing where our food comes from makes us feel better. We've already started stocking our fridge."

The market is open Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00, behind Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Ave.

Business Beat:



Northfield Music, a long-time Village music store has moved to a larger storefront within Northfield Commons at 50 State Street.



Lattimore physical therapy has a new office at 40 State Street in the Village.

Save the Date



Tuesday, Dec. 6, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



In Memoriam



The Village notes the recent death of State Assemblyman William Nojay. Our condolences to the Nojay family.

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 Ciccarelli, villageclerk@villageofpittsford.com. We will do our best to print and mail issues to those without an email address.

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