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THE WEATHER OUT SIDE HAS ACTUALLY BEEN DELIGHTFUL – IT MAY SOON BE FRIGHTFUL –MIGHT IT SNOW, MIGHT IT SNOW, MIGHT IT SNOW? IT WILL, BUT THERE IS JUST NO WAY TO KNOW.

## Around the Village:

For many decades, the identity and success of Pittsford Village has been inextricably linked to the success of community historic preservation efforts. On Dec. 6, 2015, our community achieved another major milestone when the New York State Board of Historic Preservation approved a boundary increase to the Village of Pittsford State/National Register District. The Pittsford Village Historic District was first listed in the State and National Registers in 1984. In addition, several individual properties have been listed including the Phoenix Building (1974); Hildreth, Lord, Hawley house/Pittsford Farms Dairy (1996); and the Adolph Lomb house (1995). The Erie Canal which passes through the village was listed on the State and National Registers in 2014. The boundary increase expanded the village’s district from 134 properties to about 530 properties.

## What is the National Register?

The National Register of Historic Places is the official system for documenting and recognizing buildings and districts that are significant in the history, architecture, and culture of the nation. The New York State Register of Historic Area Places mirrors the federal

program. Typically, properties are approved and listed simultaneously to both lists.

## What is the difference between the National/State Register District and the Village of Pittsford’s local preservation district?

Nearly 45 years ago the Village of Pittsford became one of the first municipalities in Upstate New York to adopt a local preservation ordinance. At that time, the entire village was designated as a local historic preservation district. Architectural changes on building exteriors within the district are subject to review and approval by the Architectural and Preservation Review Board. Over the last four decades, an effective design review process has allowed growth and change while preserving the village’s historic buildings, neighborhoods, general appeal, and walkable streetscapes. Nearly 150 other



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municipalities in New York State have adopted local preservation ordinances similar to Pittsford's.

The National and State Registers are honorary programs. Listing on the National or State Register does not place any restrictions on privately owned properties. Owners may sell, alter, or dispose of properties as they wish.

## What are the results of a property being listed?

Registered properties receive a measure of protection from state- and federal-sponsored projects.

Commercial registered properties are eligible for 20 percent federal income tax credit for substantial rehabilitation projects.

Municipal and not-for-profit owners of registered properties may apply for matching state historic preservation grants.

## Why was the National/State district boundary changed?

The Village of Pittsford is a Certified Local Government (CLG). The federally-funded, state-administered CLG Program provides grant funding to participating municipalities. It is one of the few remaining sources of outside funding that the Village of Pittsford is eligible to receive. As a CLG participant, the Village is required to follow national preservation standards in administration of its preservation program, including maintaining documentation of historic resources in compliance with current Department of the Interior Standards. The boundary increase documentation project was fully funded by a CLG grant.

The revised district boundaries were determined by the project consultant and New York State Historic Preservation Office staff by applying the National Register Criteria for Evaluation. The Criteria consider the following:

*The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings,*

*structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:*

*A. That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or*

*B. That are associated with the lives of significant persons in our past; or*

*C. That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or*

*D. That have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory.*

The research on the Village completed as part of the historic district update provides an outstanding resource documenting our community's history. It is a valuable resource available to residents, the public, and the Architectural Preservation Review Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Village Board. Accurate and up-to-date documentation of historic resources is required in order for the Village to administer state-mandated environmental reviews including State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), Section 14.09 Review, and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Consistency Review.

The draft National Register submission was researched and written by village native and preservation planner Katie Comeau. The document is available for inspection at the Village Office and soon will be available online at the Village, State Historic Preservation Office Field Services Bureau, and National Park Service websites.

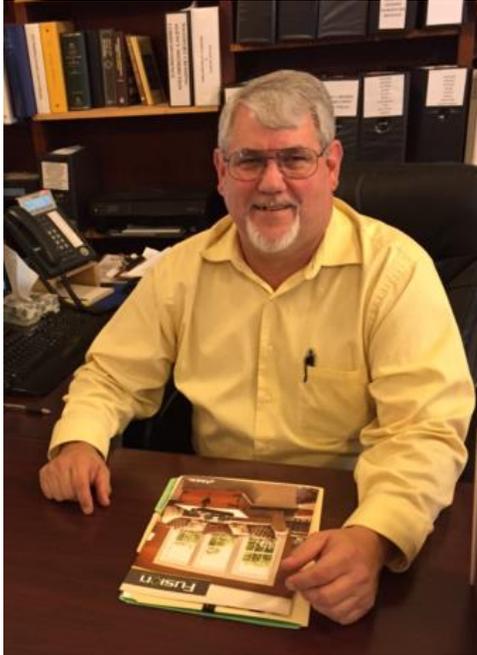
### Questions?

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

## From Village Hall:

### Meet the New Village Building Inspector: Floyd Kofahl

**F**loyd Kofahl grew up in Farmington and was the department head of building and planning for the Town of Farmington for the past nine years and has nearly 30 years of experience in code enforcement. He began as Pittsford Village's building inspector on December 14.



"I wanted a new challenge, which the Village of Pittsford definitely offers," Kofahl says. "The differences between a town and village are substantial. The priorities are different especially in a village with historical significance and with historical codes.

#### **Building inspector duties:**

Provides information to the public and assists with submissions to the various boards.

Organizes information and provides research for the four boards.

Assists with updating zoning and site plan review codes.

Monitors changes to stormwater codes and other state and federal regulations that require Village compliance.

## Candlelight Night

**O**ur annual kick-off to the holiday season continues to grow with the collaboration of the Village of Pittsford, Town of Pittsford and Chamber of Commerce. The Village Hall Open House was filled with sounds of the season and good cheer!

Musical performances echoed throughout the Village Hall during the evening with special guests from the Calkins Road Middle School Brass Ensemble. Children and adults alike listened and watched in awe. Dedicated musicians from the Pittsford Sutherland Trombone Ensemble enthusiastically played their shiny



instruments with pride. St. Louis Schools' 4th and 5th grade Glee Club joyfully sang on the front steps of the Village Hall as residents strolled along luminary lit sidewalks in the balmy weather. Diane Habeeb of [Music On The Move, LLC](#), strummed along on her guitar with Dr. Lisa Kolten. The duo provided guests with song books inviting all to sing along with them, culminating in spectacular performances all evening! The evening ended on a high note with the Rochester Rhapsody Chorus' unique acapella barbershop-style harmony.

The Village would like to express tremendous appreciation to all who graciously donated their time and talents. The presence of those who participated completed our holiday joy. Without your willingness and inspiration, our evening together would not have been as magical. --Dorothea Ciccarelli



## Upcoming meetings:

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

### Village Board:

Click [here](#) for meeting minutes

[Next meetings:](#) 1/12; 1/26; 2/9

### APRB:

Click [here](#) for meeting minutes

[Next meetings:](#) 1/4; 2/1; 3/7

### Planning & Zoning:

Click [here](#) for meeting minutes

[Next meetings:](#) 1/19; 2/16; 3/21



## From the Department of Public Works:

### DPW Doings in 2015:

- Chip sealed Locust and Church Streets and Rand Place Extension with the assistance of the Town of Pittsford DPW. Chip sealing is a pavement surface treatment that combines a layer(s) of asphalt with a layer(s) of fine aggregate or stone.
- Installed a new, state-of-the-art electric power generator at the Woodcreek Drive pump station, which services Village customers at Woodcreek and a portion of the Village. Prior to this, a power failure would require hauling a generator from the Village garage to provide power.
- Completed major road repairs on South Street, Lincoln Avenue, Sutherland Street and East Jefferson Circle and minor repairs on Village streets where needed.
- Planted 28 trees and maintained Village parks, landscaping, grounds and canal areas.
- Rebuilt 13 stormwater catch basins.
- Completed repairs and safety changes to the DPW garage facility and cleaned up DPW grounds.

## Winter Season Reminders

- There will be limited brush pickup through March 31; much of DPW's equipment has already been transitioned over for snow and ice removal. Branches should not exceed six feet in length. Christmas trees will be picked up shortly after the holiday.
- Large trees and other debris gathered by private contractors are to be taken by the contractor to the Town of Pittsford Highway Garage located on Golf Avenue.
- Overnight parking is prohibited on Village streets between Nov. 1 and Apr. 15; parking is restricted between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. for snow plowing. Vehicles parked during these times will be ticketed.
- Please be mindful to maintain the hedges along the sidewalk, as pathways need to be clear for pedestrian safety and for the sidewalk plowing.
- During this snow season, please keep all shoveled/plowed snow on your property. Please notify your contractor that leaving the snow on the sidewalk or having it plowed across the road is illegal per New York State law. Warnings will be issued to those individuals not complying with this directive.
- Refuse and recycle containers should be placed on the driveway of the property so the plows can move along the sidewalk and road without needing to stop to move containers. This is especially important during storm conditions.
- Please do not tailgate snow plows.

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.--

*Doug Yaeger, DPW Superintendent*



## Business Beat:



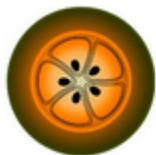
### Resort wear for men and women opens on South Main Street

Lucky for Pittsford Laura Kimmes fell in love with Western New York. Originally from North Carolina, Kimmes has moved many times with her Army husband, a native Rochesterian currently serving in Afghanistan.

A recent move took the couple from Germany to Sacketts Harbor, N.Y., where Kimmes worked with Rick Graham in Summer's Here clothing store. After researching locations, Graham and Kimmes became business partners in a similar store open all-year round in Pittsford. "In Sacketts Harbor we had lots of customers from this area," Kimmes says.

Laura carries Tommy Bahama for men and women, Fresh Produce, Elliott Lauren and a line called Majestic that features cotton and cashmere clothing. The shop also has candles, jewelry and other accessories

Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5; Thurs 10-7. Occasionally open on Sunday. Located at 9 South Main Street



## Cocoa Bean Shoppe

**New Digs:** The [Cocoa Bean Shoppe](#) has moved across the street from its previous location. Now at

39 South Main Street, the shop specializes in artisan chocolates from around the world. The store's Chocolate School teaches customers how to use these chocolates to make truffles and bon-bons. Other interactive events include the popular "Chocolate Talk and Tasting." Phone: 585-381-1620

### Mendon Center Butterfly Project



#### Butterfly Sign Emerges on Canal

On December 21 Mendon Center second graders shared their completed butterfly sign project that includes their artwork and text about the lifecycle of Monarch and Tawny Crescent butterflies. The educational sign will remain on the canal for all to see. For further information call 585-586-4332.



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)



## THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN CLEARING SNOW



### Most Common Snow Shoveling Injuries

**DUCK!** A whack in the head with a snow shovel causes many head injuries, mostly lacerations.

**HARD ON THE HEART:** Chest pain, heart attack, arrhythmia, and palpitations can send shovelers to the hospital.

**BREAKING POINTS:** Hand and arm bones are more likely than other bones to be fractured.



**WEEKEND WARRIOR ALERT:** Snow-shoveling exertion can wreak havoc with soft tissue in your lower back.

**SLIP AND SLIDE:** Shovelers bang up their feet and legs when they slip and fall, the second most common cause of snow-shoveling casualties.



Sources: The American Journal of Emergency Medicine, March 26, 2010 | National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS), U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission | American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons



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