

THE PITTSFORD MESSENGER

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Pittsford Supervisor's winter report

When I first ran for Supervisor, one of my stated goals was to make the town run in a more business-like fashion. By that I mean that we understand what our residents actually want in the way of services. It means that we organize our team in a manner that promotes efficient communication and operation. It means that we adhere to a strategic set of principles and strategies that keep our energy and resources focused.

I am proud of the steps we have taken and the results we have achieved in this endeavor. I believe we now operate on improved principles in the delivery of services. Our employees universally accept the notion that our residents are our customers and that their satisfaction is our goal.

Our strategic plan identifies *five core values* that guide our actions. They are:

- customer care and focus
- fiscal integrity
- organizational effectiveness
- community planning
- community vitality

You've got our number(s)

After Hours Emergency	248-6212
Animal Control	248-6240
General Office	248-6200
Library (Main)	248-6275
Parks and Recreation	248-6280
Public Works	248-6250
Senior Citizens	248-6235
Supervisor	248-6220
Town Clerk	248-6210

Within each of these core values there are specific strategies to ensure success.

In 2001, our actions will once again be guided by our strategic priorities. One such initiative addresses community vitality—strengthening community partnerships to further common goals. This will include the formation of a steering committee of community leaders and residents to lead us into a community-wide discussion of future goals for the community of Pittsford.

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Bill Carpenter
Supervisor

Town website serves up slice of Pittsford life and times

The official web page for the Town of Pittsford provides a wide range of information about our community, our history, and our government. It has been designed to provide information to individuals looking to move to Pittsford as well as provide a wide variety of information to our residents. Regular features include:

- Meeting agendas
- "What Happened Last Night" at the Town Board and/or Planning Board meeting
- Recreation program listings
- Job postings

We will be making some significant changes to the site in the months to come. A Community Calendar will be added with what's going on in Pittsford each and every day. We will also be unveiling a Business and Commerce section that will allow Pittsford stores and businesses access through a virtual Pittsford site.

The web site is a part of the Pittsford Town Board's effort to provide open communication and access to information by our residents. Through this web site, we will be able to provide you with direct access to information about issues and services.

www.townofpittsford.com

2001 Rabies Clinic

Since the town began sponsoring the clinic, 1,275 dogs and cats have been vaccinated against rabies.

This year's free clinic will be held at the Pittsford Highway Garage at 60 Golf Ave. on May 3, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Pets must be at least 3 months old to be immunized.

All dogs must be leashed and all cats must be in a carrier. All vaccinations will be good for one year unless prior rabies certificates are presented at the time of the clinic.



Personnel will be on site to issue dog licenses. Please note that this free clinic is provided for Town of Pittsford residents only. Call Greg Wegman, Pittsford Animal Control Officer, with questions.



SUMMER FUN

We've got it!

Parades

Memorial Day

Buffalo Bills

Antique Cars

Street Dances

Skycoasters

Pittsford Celebrates

Summer concerts

Crewing regatta

LPGA tournament

Town organization

Retirements, promotions, and new hires

Our Town organization has undergone several changes in the past year with the retirement of three of our valued Department Heads. All three of these employees were with our Town for over 20 years, and we shall miss them all tremendously.

William Frohm, *Building Inspector*

Joan Jaeschke (Naber), *Clerk of Court/Administrator*

Margaret Beck, *Town Clerk, Receiver of Taxes*

Upon their retirement, however, promotions within our organization became possible. Congratulations to the following promotees:

David Rowe, *Building Inspector*

Patricia Chuhta, *Town Clerk/Tax Receiver*

Barbara Hennessy, *Clerk of Court/Admin.*

Donna Middlebrook, *Secretary (DPW)*

Jennifer Sellers, *Full-time Court Clerk*

Robyn Marsee, *Secretary (Highway)*

John Schogan, Jr., *MEO-1 (Highway)*

Michael Randall, *MEO-2 (Highway)*

Dennis Jones, *MEO-3 (Highway)*

Keith Brownell, *Laborer-1 (Highway)*

Welcome to our new full-time and permanent part-time hires in 2000: Louise O'Donoghue and Ruth Randall (libraries), Thom Clark and Royce Collins (Highway), Linda Dillon (Supervisor's Office), Kevin Wilson (Deputy Bldg. Inspector), Douglas DeRue (DPW), Joyce Hopkins (Town Court), and Sandra Pope (Recreation).

Supervisor's winter report

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Another initiative for 2001, which addresses organizational effectiveness, is the facilities issue. Based on the results of the previous referendum, we learned that residents are not convinced of the need for a new community center and that where possible, residents want proposals "unbundled." Within this context we need to find ways to provide the space we need for our library and our court. We also need to look at rehabilitation of the current recreation building on Lincoln Avenue and at the possibility of adding space to accommodate the needs of our Senior Citizens.

In 2001, we are expanding our calendar of community events. In addition to the Memorial Day Parade, the Summer Concert Series and the September street dance, we are looking forward to some very special return

engagements and a few exciting new events. On June 10, The Skycoasters will heat up our streets again with their dance music, and in July a parade of some 200 antique cars from the Antique Automobile Club of America will visit the area on their Founders Tour.

In 2001, we will encourage "Healthy Community, Healthy Youth." I will be working with the youth of this community to form a Youth Advisory Council to provide direct input on matters affecting the youth of our community. We want our youth to understand that we value them as a vital part of our community and, in turn, want them to value their community.

As you can see, we have established an aggressive and exciting agenda for this year. We will continue to involve and engage the community in helping us make the best decisions possible.

Pittsford Community Library news

New staff at Janes Branch

Welcome to the new staff members of the Janes Branch of the Pittsford Community Library. **Ruth Randall** joined the staff as the new Children's Librarian. Ruth has long been focused on literature; first selecting books for her own four children, then as an English teacher, and

library media specialist in Webster and Gananda school districts. According to Ruth, the best part of her job at Janes

Library is introducing children to books that interest and excite or simply delight.



2000 Income Tax

Town website and libraries have state and federal forms

The Pittsford Community Library offers a wide selection of Federal and State income tax forms. For the more esoteric forms, the Library has books of reproducible forms. The reference librarians will also be glad to help you find the Internet websites with the forms and publications that you need. A link to the Federal and State tax form websites is available under "Libraries" on the Town of Pittsford home page at www.townofpittsford.com.

Nancy LaHaye started at the Janes Branch as a part-time library clerk last fall. Nancy's is a familiar face as she previously worked as a circulation aide at the State Street Library. Nancy has worked as an elementary school teacher and as an aide at the BOCES Creekside Library.

Bonnie Mayer-Turner is the most recent addition to the Janes staff. She is also a part-time library clerk and gained her library experience at the State Street Library as a page and circulation aide.

Additions to State Street Library children's area

Stop in at the State Street Library to see the wonderful new furniture in the children's area. Most noticeable is the brightly colored kiosk which offers a comfortable reading space for children to curl up with a good book. Red floor cushions offer comfort to our smallest patrons. Adjustable shelves allow for special book displays inside and outside of the kiosk.

Primary colored, child-sized stools have also been added to the picture book display tables to provide a comfortable and contemporary accent. A new display unit shaped like a dollhouse is providing a "home" for small-sized picture books. Future plans for the children's area include adding new sofas and additional tables and benches for small group activities.

The funding for these new items was provided by a grant from the Pittsford Community Library Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1994 to receive and manage special bequests and contributions for the benefit of the Pittsford Community Library.

Wood Memorial Fund

The Friends of the Pittsford Community Library were honored to be the beneficiaries of a bequest from the estate of Donald L. Wood. It was Mr. Wood's desire that this bequest is invested and the interest used to purchase reference and non-fiction books for the Library collection.

The first book purchases supported by this fund were acquired in the fall of 2000. Each book has a special bookplate indicating the book was purchased as a "Gift from the Beatrice and Donald L. Wood Memorial Fund."

New magazines

Last year the Library conducted an in-house survey to gather input regarding our patron's magazine reading habits. Based on this survey, the Library has added **24** new titles to our magazine subscription list!

Some of the new titles include *American Artist*, *Ecompany*, *Interview* and *O, The Oprah Magazine*.

Stop by the Library to browse through our new additions and to view our complete list of magazine holdings.

Employee recognition


Wellness Committee debuts appreciation program

After months of extensive planning and preparation, our Wellness Committee has developed an Employee Recognition Program. The purpose of the program is "...to promote good working relationships and enhance the quality of the work environment." The outcome is to recognize employees for the job that they do, promote team building, and foster a sense of community.

The program offers employees the opportunity to issue a written thank you to a fellow worker for a job well done. The public is also given this opportunity to thank one or more of our employees through the Employee Appreciation Form. These forms are available at the Town Hall, the Spiegel Center, and the Libraries.

If you feel someone working in our Town deserves a "thank you," please fill out an Employee Appreciation Form at one of the above locations or use

the tear-off form provided in this newsletter. All completed forms can be hand-delivered to the Town Clerk's office or mailed to: Pittsford Town Clerk, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534. *Thank you!*



Employee Appreciation Form

Employee Name _____

Department _____ **Date** _____

Check all that apply:

_____ Courteous	_____ Prompt
_____ Willingness to listen	_____ Professional

Additional Comments:

Submitted by _____

Address _____

_____ **Phone** _____



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