

# THE PITTSFORD MESSENGER

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## Pittsford Supervisor's winter report

2005 promises to be another exciting year in Pittsford. Our new Library will open in September. There is a lot of work ahead to complete the construction, plan the transition from our temporary location and to acclimate staff to the new layout. We know that the community is excited about the opening of the new Library, and we are working hard to meet your expectations of a first class facility.

We have purchased land and will partner with the Village of Pittsford to create a park in the center of our community adjacent to the Erie Canal. This year we will be seeking community input to develop an overall vision for this park.

The Town Board and I discovered the availability of this block of land subsequent to our purchase of the Veconi property in 2001. We believe it is a truly unique opportunity to provide additional recreational and community space that also helps to strengthen the center of our community.

We will again have a full schedule of events during the year. We will be introducing some exciting changes this year including the expansion of the Summer Concert series

to a weekly concert from June 10th to August 12th. Beginning with Pittsford Celebrates, our street events will be held in the parking lot behind the new library, 24 State Street. While we have loved our location on So. Main Street, the new event venue will be easier and less disruptive to set up and will provide a more efficient layout. The new site will also have a nice backdrop looking over the Erie Canal and Schoen Place.

We will be working to complete the relocation of the canal trail in the area just south of the Monroe Avenue Bridge. Currently, the trail detours around the canal buildings onto Brook Road. This route has proven to be particularly unsafe with the increased use of the trail. Although the project has snagged over the last year, we are committed to seeing it move forward in 2005.

As always we will continue to look at the way we provide services with a goal of



**Bill Carpenter**  
*Supervisor*

delivering high quality services that are supplied as efficiently as possible. If you have any thoughts about town programs, services, or operations please feel free to contact me at 248-6220 or [bcarpenter@townofpittsford.com](mailto:bcarpenter@townofpittsford.com).

### 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

## Resident gives 25 years of volunteer service to Town

The Town Board, Town of Pittsford Planning Board and staff wish a fond farewell and continued good fortune to long-time Planning Board member Nancy Sprenkle. Nancy stepped down after 25 years of volunteer service to the Town, 11 of which have been with the Planning Board. Previous to Planning Board, Nancy was a Zoning Board member for 10 years. Nancy served as Chairman of both the Planning and Zoning Boards for part of her tenure. She also was a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member for 4 years.

Nancy was recognized by the Town Board in a resolution adopted by the Board on December 9, 2004. The Town sincerely appreciates Nancy's time as well as all other volunteer Board members. We all wish Nancy the very best.

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## Library services and programs

The Pittsford Community Library and Janes Branch welcome you to cozy up with your favorite book or movie this season. Stop by either location with your family or a friend.

Drop-in story time for children ages 3-5 will resume at 10:15AM on Thursday, January 13 at the main branch of the Community Library. No registration is required for this popular program.

There are several openings in the Tuesday 1:15PM story times at the Janes Branch, and the Friday 10:15AM story times at 3750 Monroe Ave. Please call 248-6244 or 248-6275 to register.

Did you know? You can follow the construction progress of the new library on our link on the town Web site.

## King's Bend Park lodge reservations

Requests for 2005 lodge reservations may be made at the Spiegel Community Center between the hours of 9AM and 4PM or mailed to 35 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsford, NY 14534.

Lodge details, the reservation form and the King's Bend Park rules and regulations are available at the Community Center and online at [www.townofpittsford.com](http://www.townofpittsford.com).

For further information, please call 248-6280.

## Town facilities

### Community Library FAQs

**A**s the construction of the new community library progresses, there are several questions related to the project that pop up most often - FAQs or "frequently asked questions." We've listed those questions below and provided answers we hope you will find informative and helpful.

**Q.** The new library is a much larger building occupying the same space as our previous, smaller facility. How have the designers planned for this?

**A.** Historically, municipal buildings make a statement in their communities. They tend to be larger and contain architectural detail. Our new library offsets its size with an angled front elevation, a pleasing mixture of design elements and exterior finishes, and the softening effect of landscaping.

**Q.** Why is the new library situated close to the front of the property?

**A.** The location of the building is consistent with the Village's Comprehensive Plan

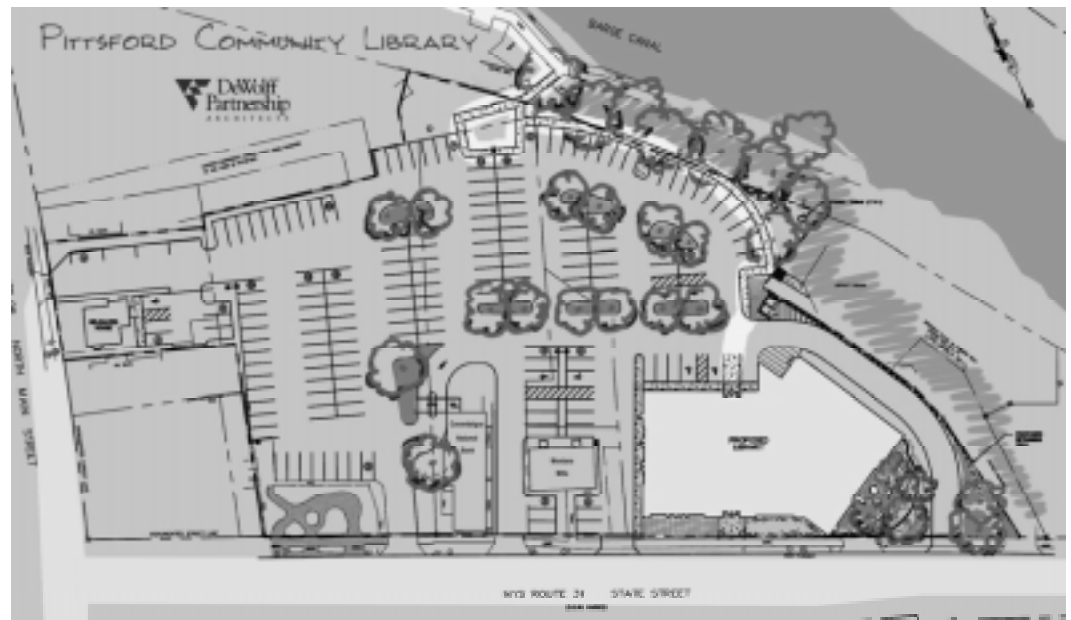
that seeks to have a uniform front line with the other buildings on the street. The project architects were guided by this plan to site the new facility.

**Q.** There is retail space in the plans for the new library. Was this part of the original concept and what kind of business is being sought for this area?

**A.** The plans submitted to Pittsford voters included retail space (approximately 2400 square feet). We are looking for an eatery that will compliment both the library and the village settings.

**Q.** Have any changes been made to the library plans since the voters approved the referendum in October 2003?

**A.** The only changes made were subtle and were designed to assure an historical integrity and fit. Essentially, the roof line was lowered and detail was added to the windows to give them more of a "village look." Otherwise the building is as was proposed to Pittsford residents.



***The location of the new Pittsford Community Library at the forefront of the site provides a consistent line of building frontage along State Street as well as space for a consolidated municipal parking area with over 180 parking spaces with access from North Main Street and State Street. The Grand Opening is slated for September 2005.***

## Town programs and services

### Town collaboration nets new park facility

The Town of Pittsford is pleased to announce that we have been presented with the unique opportunity to acquire property and partner with the Village of Pittsford to provide a major park in the center of the community, adjacent to the Erie Canal. (Please see map on page 4 of this newsletter.)

The proposed project will result in the creation of a 32-acre park comparable to the size of Thornell Farm Park, a town facility located next to Pittsford Mendon High School.

There is no timetable for the improvement of these lands. Residents and community stakeholders will be invited to help develop a master plan and vision for the property and new park.

Town Supervisor Carpenter says, "This is a great opportunity to develop a park in a location central to the community and scenically situated along the historic Eric Canal. We look forward to this exciting new project and to providing another first-rate park resource for families, individuals and community groups to use and enjoy."



***An ice sculptor carves "Frosty, The Snowman," one of the many seasonal demonstrations and activities available on Candlelight Night. Residents filled the sidewalks and village shops to enjoy caroling horse-drawn wagon rides, cookies and cocoa, the lighting of the Community Tree, and the sight of many beautiful twinkling lights and decorations.***

### Town seeks nominations for 2004 Citizen of the Year

The Town Board is currently seeking nominations for Pittsford's 2004 Citizen of the Year. This award is presented annually to a Pittsford resident, volunteer or business person whose "hard work, generosity and dedication has improved the quality of life in our community."

Nominees for Citizen of the Year must meet the following qualifications:

- He/She is a Pittsford resident, community volunteer, or business person
- He/She has made a significant contribution to the community in a volunteer capacity or in their field of endeavor

Supervisor Bill Carpenter said, "There are so

many good people in this community who have generously shared their time and talent to achieve great things for Pittsford. This is an opportunity to recognize those individuals for their contributions."

Please submit your written nomination to: William A. Carpenter, Supervisor, Town of Pittsford, 11 So. Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534 or email [bcarpenter@townofpittsford.com](mailto:bcarpenter@townofpittsford.com). All nominations must be received by 5PM Friday, February 25, 2005.

Copies of the nomination form are available at Town Hall and The Pittsford Community Library. This form may also be downloaded from the town Web site at [www.townofpittsford.com](http://www.townofpittsford.com).

### Christmas tree recycling

The Town Highway Department will pick up any Christmas trees that have not been taken by residential disposal services.

Residents are asked to place trees curbside and remove plastic bagging. Please keep in mind that our ability to pick up trees can vary according to weather conditions.

Christmas trees can also be dropped off at the Highway garage, 60 Golf Avenue, from 7:00 a.m. to dark, 7 days a week. Please stop in the office to get recycling directions.

Tree and leaf mulch is available free of charge to Pittsford homeowners. Residents can obtain good quality mulch at our facility located behind the Little League fields on East Street. Please call 248-6270 with questions.

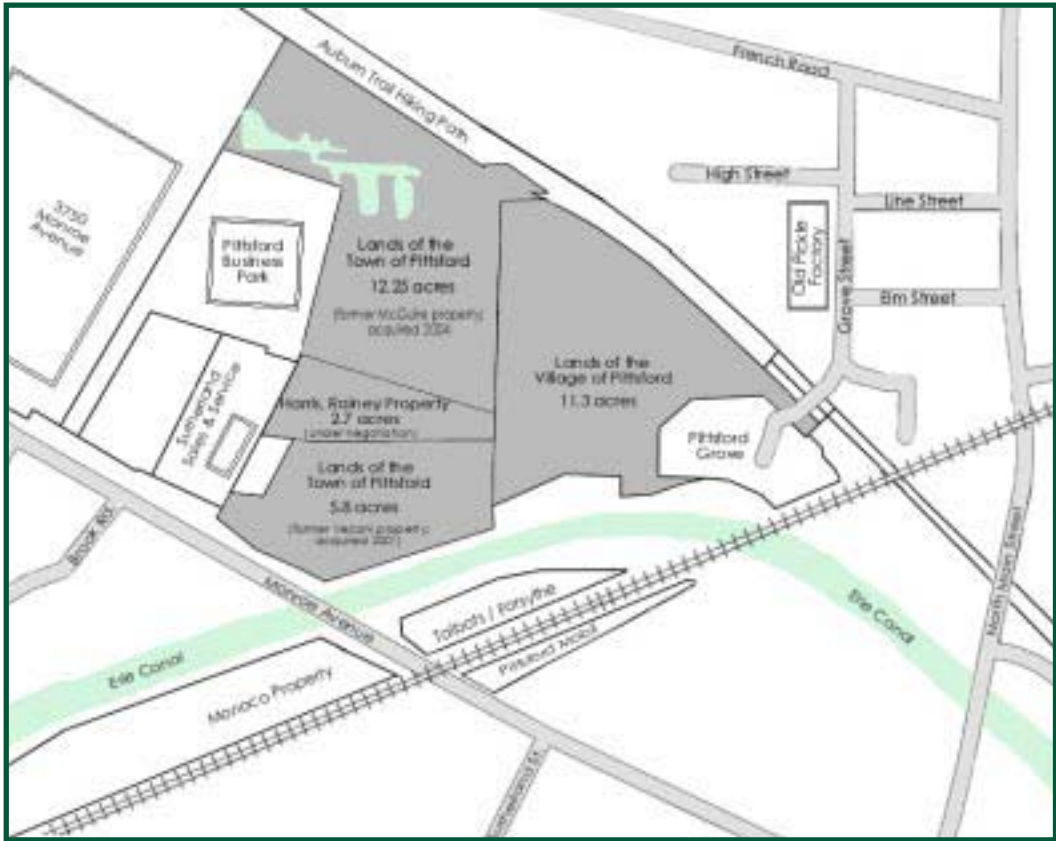
### Alternative for Kids After School

A new afterschool program offered by the Town of Pittsford Recreation Department provides supervision for children ages 9-14 that may not be ready to stay home alone, a place where children will get supervision for homework, positive social interaction and entertainment.

The program follows the school calendar and runs Monday-Friday, 3-6PM. For more information, please call 248-6280.

# Employee facilities

## Town collaboration nets new park facility



In 2001, the town purchased the 5.8-acre former Veconi property because of its central location and beautiful setting next to the Erie Canal. Recently we discovered that there were an additional 26 acres of undeveloped land available adjacent to the Veconi property. Supervisor Carpenter said, “The Town Board and I felt that it was important to secure those interests while the land was obtainable.”

Together with neighboring land owned by the Village, the Town-acquired properties form a significant block of open space. The town’s purchase assures that this key parcel will be reserved for the public.

For additional details of this exciting new project, please turn to page 3.



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