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On Wednesday, 5/26, the Town and Village presented a draft of the Erie Canal Area Master Plan at Town Hall. Approximately 70 residents attended the meeting.

The draft plan (for approximately 30 acres of land located along the north bank of the Erie Canal between Grove Street and the Monroe Avenue Bridge) was developed by the Town and Village with assistance from Behan Planning and Pittsford residents. This 30 acre parcel is in a very unique setting as it sits in the center of the Town of Pittsford and contains approximately 1,000 feet of canal waterfront.

To create the plan, the Town received a \$50,000 grant through the NYS Department of State, Division of NYS Coastal Resources. The objective of the grant was to help communities transform underused waterfront areas to promote more opportunities for economic growth, recreation and restoration of natural resources. To receive the full funding, the plan needed to be completed by June 30, 2010. It is important to note that there is no timeline to implement the plan – all or none of it may be executed.

The draft plan grew from resident input about the property. Much of the feedback

was derived from a public meeting held in December as well as ongoing comments the Town and Village have received from residents and volunteer boards over the years. At the December meeting, residents expressed a strong desire to preserve the natural setting of the site and maintain a “ribbon of green” along the canal. They also expressed an interest in seeing the site developed for recreational uses and possibly creating a community center in the area. In addition, many residents voiced strong concerns about the impact additional traffic would have on the Monroe Avenue corridor.

The draft plan presented at the end of May, incorporated this feedback by focusing on the preservation of key natural features and ensuring that development would be compatible with the Village setting. Some highlights of the plan include:

- Maintain a core natural area which will include trails, an overlook area, and signage;



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Town Supervisor

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Free Mulch

Leaf mulch and wood mulch are available to Pittsford residents at no charge. Residents can pick up the mulch either behind the Little League fields on East Street or at the Highway Garage, situated at 60 Golf Avenue in Pittsford.

Mulch at the East Street bins is available 7 days a week during normal daylight hours (15 minutes after sunrise and 15 minutes before sunset). Normal working hours for the Highway Garage are from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. Inquiries, questions, or comments can be directed to the Highway Department at 248-6270.

Pittsford Celebrates' special tribute to 9/11

The Town of Pittsford will again host its annual Pittsford Celebrates Festival on the second Saturday of September – this year it will fall on 9/11. To honor this historic day, the Town will host a moving tribute. After the headlining band Brass Taxi, the Chorus of the Genesee will perform a beautiful array of patriotic songs. Their performance will be followed by a spectacular fireworks display. To find out more about the Pittsford Celebrates Festival and the 9/11 tribute, please visit www.townofpittsford.org.

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- Provide gathering space – an amphitheatre, arboretum, pavilions, and ponds;
- Create a new residential development with strong links to the canal and the rest of the Village (including streetscape improvements on Grove Street);
- Preserve the significant wetland area and use it as an educational site;
- Build dock and kayak launch on the canal.

In addition, the plan reserved an area for a future community center. While there

are no current plans to build a community center in the Town of Pittsford, residents expressed an interest in reserving a space for one. By including the center in the master plan, residents preserved an opportunity to build one in the future, if they so choose.

For residents who could not attend the meeting, a copy of the PowerPoint presentation is located on the Town's website (www.townofpittsford.org). As always, I welcome your feedback on this plan. Feel free to contact me directly at bcarpenter@townofpittsford.org.

Buy from our local farmers

The Town of Pittsford has some wonderful farm markets and stands located in every quadrant throughout Town. So if you want fresh fruit and vegetables, there is no better place to get them than right down the road. Following is a list of several of the stands and markets in Town. For more information, such as times they are open and what they sell, visit www.townofpittsford.org.

Hopkins Farm Stand

Corner of Calkins Road and Clover Street

Knickerbocker Farm Stand

164 Knickerbocker Road
(across from the barn)

Lehman's Farm Market

132 East Street

Powers Farm Market

61 Marsh Road

Willard Farm Stand

116 Willard Road

Pittsford's Farmers Market

3750 Monroe Avenue



The Town of Pittsford and St. John Fisher College have joined forces to help beautify the intersection of East Avenue and Route 31. This area is an important gateway for the Town of Pittsford and the college. The island has been completely re-planted with rose bushes and other blooming perennials.

Is your child safety seat installed correctly? Find out!

Do you know that as many as 4 out of 5 car seats are installed incorrectly?

Properly installed car seats greatly increase your child's chances of surviving a car accident. The Town of Pittsford, in conjunction with The Pittsford Fire Department, Brighton Police Child Safety Seat Technicians, East Rochester Police Department, The Monroe County Office

of Traffic Safety and the Safety Council of Central and Western NY, will be holding a car seat check at the Town of Pittsford's Highway Garage (60 Golf Avenue) on 6/26 from 9AM to noon. Take some extra time and make sure your kids are safely riding in your vehicle! If you cannot make it on 6/26, make an appointment with our Fire Marshal at 248-6265 and she will be glad to check your seat.

Several Pittsford polling sites to change

The Town of Pittsford has made several changes to our election process which will be in effect for the 2010 election season. These changes were made as a result of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) regulations enacted by the Federal government and implemented by the New York State Board of Elections.

In 2009, the Town of Pittsford had 17 polling locations. Working with the Board of Elections, the Town has consolidated to 14 polling locations. The new locations are in reasonable proximity to previous voting sites and provide opportunity for future growth.

The new locations also address residents' concerns with parking that have been expressed over the years. Some previous sites have remained the same as we found they were able to adequately adapt to the new regulations.

Voters will be notified via mail of their new location by both the Board of Elections and the Town of Pittsford prior to the next election (when these changes will take effect). To find out if your voting location has changed now, you can visit the Town of Pittsford's website at www.townofpittsford.org and click on the "Voter Information" link.

Safely dispose of your pharmaceuticals

The Monroe County Sheriff's "A Zone" on Linden Avenue has started a program to collect unwanted prescription drugs. They will collect these items the 2nd Tuesday of every month at their "A-Zone" location - 789 Linden Avenue, Rochester, NY 14625. Drop offs are free and open to the public from 10AM to 1PM. If you need any specifics, please contact 753-4370.

Take Pittsford's Community Event Survey

The Town of Pittsford's Recreation staff puts a lot of time and energy in hosting a wide variety of events for residents throughout the year. From Memorial Day to our Family Halloween Fest, we try our hardest to offer residents the very best. To help make sure we are on the right track, please take a minute to log on to our website www.townofpittsford.org and take our Community Events survey. The survey will only take one minute of your time and it will give us important feedback about our events.



On June 4, Trinity Montessori School broke ground on their new campus on French Road in Pittsford. Pictured from left, Lorraine Scarfile – Head of School, Supervisor Carpenter, John Nichols, Sister Clare Francis and Chairman John Anderson.



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Don't miss our special July 9th concert on the canal!

Our annual summer concert series will begin on June 11 and be held every Friday until August 13 (there is no concert the week of July 4). On July 9, Gap Mangione and his new big band will perform on the canal! The Town of Pittsford will set up a barge and the concert will be able to be seen from both the Port of Pittsford Park and Schoen Place. Don't miss the fun. This concert will begin at 7PM. A big thank you to all the sponsors of our concert series:



The Town Board is pictured prior to the start of the Memorial Day ceremony held in the Pittsford cemetery. From left John Higgins, Jared Lusk, Sandy Zutes, Karen Green and Supervisor Bill Carpenter.

The Christopher Williams Agency; Sutherland Auto Sales; Bill Wahl's Microcreamery; Pittsford Chamber of Commerce; and Chase Bank.

Movie nights are back!

Back by popular demand will be our Family Outdoor Movies in August at Thornell Farm Park. On August 12, we will be featuring *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel* and on August 26, we will be showing *Aliens in the Attic* starring two Pittsford natives – Regan and Henri Young. Many thanks to our sponsors of this event: Pittsford Federal Credit Union; Sylvan Learning Center; Sutherland Auto Sales; Christopher Williams Agency; Pittsford Dance Studio; and Bill Wahl's Microcreamery.