

Pittsford seeking outstanding citizens

Each year, the Town Board and I search for a special person to be named Pittsford's Citizen of the Year. This award is presented to an individual for their contributions during the previous year and whose hard work, generosity and dedication have improved the quality of life in our community.

The Citizen of the Year recognition began in 1987. Since that time, we have had the opportunity to honor many residents – from Andrew Meloni our retired Monroe County Sheriff to the late Bill Remley – the founder of the world renown Walnut Hill Carriage Competition. We have also honored small business owners, church leaders and longtime volunteers. Last year, we honored our own Dorothy Watson. Dorothy volunteers about 35 hours or more per week at the Pittsford Senior Center, where she helps with the Lunch Club 60 Nutrition Program, organizes the monthly newsletter and fills in for full-time staff. She began volunteering at the center in 1997. Watson also volunteers at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and is a past volunteer at the Southeast YMCA, both in Pittsford.

Last week, the Town Board began their official search for Pittsford's 2010 recipient. 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.

There are no age restrictions. Copies of the nomination form are available at Town Hall or they can be printed from the Town's website (www.townofpittsford.org). Forms should be completed and mailed to: William A. Carpenter, Supervisor, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534. All nominations must be received by 5PM on Friday, January 28, 2011.

When submitting and brainstorming nominations, I encourage everyone to think of individuals who have impacted the community in both large and small ways. Nominees could be an eagle scout who went above and beyond the call of duty, a senior citizen who has spent their lifetime giving back or a teacher that has touched the lives of many of our students.

I hope that each resident will take the time to submit a nomination. This is a wonderful recognition and it is our hope that all those who have helped to shape Pittsford can be considered. All nominations will be reviewed by Town Board. The honoree (or honorees) for Citizen of the Year will be presented with a formal resolution and recognized at a Town Board meeting in the Spring.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact me at bcarpenter@townofpittsfor.org or stop in and visit me at Town Hall.