

Numbers prove Pittsford's in for a busy summer

As usual, we're gearing up for a busy summer in the Town of Pittsford. Our Parks Department will be mowing and maintaining nearly a dozen parks and facilities throughout the town, comprising almost 100 acres of active parkland and close to 28 miles of trails and access-ways. Our Highway Department will keep nearly 100 miles of town roads safe and accessible through both routine and preventive maintenance projects and right-of-way mowing. Our Department of Public Works will field a seasonal increase in questions and requests regarding construction projects and resident activities and events.

In addition to our other responsibilities, the Town of Pittsford is also dedicated to providing programs, events and activities that enhance the quality of life for our residents. In this time of over-loaded schedules and fast food, it is important to offer residents opportunities that provide healthy activities and quality time together.

Each year, through our Town Recreation Department, we offer a wide range of activities and programs. To give you an idea of the scope: in the past 12 months we've had nearly 10,800 participants sign up for over 1,000 activities within 428 different programs. Our summer programs mirror this variety.

We've got sports leagues, summer day camp and swimming as well as dance, music, crafts, and fitness programs. Our activities are meant to engage the diverse needs and interests of all our residents – from preschoolers to seniors, individuals as well as families.

Our program offerings are based upon community demand and the ability to self-fund through enrollment fees; no tax money is used to fund recreation programs. In 2010 our Recreation program revenue was \$637,569 and our Recreation program expenses were \$432,304. The net revenue helped us offset administrative and other costs in the Recreation Department's budget.

The Pittsford Town Recreation Department also plans and oversees our town-wide events and festivals. Although we started early this year with several community activities in May, the Memorial Day Parade officially kicked off our events season, which will also include our free Friday evening summer concert series at Port of Pittsford Park, the Pittsford Triathlon, Positively Pittsford, and our outdoor summer movies.

In order to continue providing the programs and services our residents want and need, it is important that we hear from you. Our 2011 Resident Survey is currently available online at www.townofpittsford.org. Please take the time to fill it out and let us know what we're doing right and what we can improve upon.

For more information on the 2011 Pittsford Resident Survey, town events and recreation programs, please visit our website. As always, should you have any comments please contact me at bcarpenter@townofpittsford.org or stop in and visit me at Town Hall.