

From the Supervisor

Pittsford On the Move!

New Opportunities; Supporting Neighborhoods

Here at Town Hall we've been moving forward aggressively on projects benefiting all of us who live in Pittsford. These include significant improvements to infrastructure, as well as programs and Town events.

Sidewalks and Trails

Town crews have been busy all season making a reality of the recommendations in our Active Transportation Plan. Across the Town, we've been working to improve and extend trails and sidewalks, making Pittsford even more walkable and more conducive to bicycling. And to doing both safely. More than simply promoting recreation and safety, these improvements encourage more sustainable ways of getting around.

Improving pedestrian safety has been a central concern of mine since becoming Supervisor. While I continue to press the State Department of Transportation for needed safety improvements on the state roads in Town, we're moving forward promptly with what we have authority to do on our own.

This summer has seen the addition of traffic-calming measures such as bump-outs, digital radar signs and crosswalk improvements. We've built new bridges connecting trails – thereby connecting neighborhoods. We've invested in more versatile equipment to maintain trails that makes maintenance and construction easier, faster and more efficient, allowing us to get more done. It helps us construct new trails faster, too.

We're working aggressively to pursue additional grant funding for more projects like these. We accomplished a major milestone by completing the East Avenue Sidewalk, connecting the Village all the way to Brighton. To me that represents a beginning, not an end. We're moving forward to seek funding for the additional sidewalks and trails you've asked for. On a parallel track, while we pursue funding we're doing the planning and getting the approvals for additional projects to come. This way we can hit the ground running once funding arrives. I want to keep our momentum going for improvements that contribute to quality of life for all of us in Pittsford.

Saving Trees on the Canal

In 2018 Pittsford went to court, joined by Brighton and Perinton, to stop the New York State Power Authority's plan to clearcut trees along the Erie Canal. Town Attorney Robert Koegel, an experienced environmental law and municipal law litigator, prepared and argued the case for the three towns, thereby sparing Pittsford the expense of legal fees.

We won. We obtained an injunction to stop the cutting, and required the Power Authority to conduct the environmental review under State law.

The Power Authority completed the review and has now filed its Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement and a proposed Guide Book. It has solicited written comments and it held a public hearing in July. At that hearing I spoke

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Bill Smith
Town Supervisor

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Our new patio at the Spiegel Community Center offers tables, chairs and a variety of plantings to make it the perfect spot for chatting with friends, catching up on a book or just enjoying the outdoors.

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on behalf of Pittsford, emphasizing that the Power Authority has not established a need for clearcutting and that in any event its actions are subject to approval by our Planning Board, pursuant to the Town's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, that the Authority is bound by law to observe. The Town Attorney will include these and other points among the extensive and detailed written comments we're preparing for submission.

Our goal is to reach a reasonable accommodation whereby the Power Authority will not clearcut trees, but rather will take down only trees posing a hazard to houses along the embankment, deadwood and otherwise remove only trees posing a clear and convincing threat to the integrity of the embankment.

As I said at the hearing, the Town of Pittsford will assert its rights in this matter as vigorously as we have in the past.

Sustainability Solutions: Keeping Our Word on CCA

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) is the program by which Pittsford has sought to bring our residents electricity, from 100% renewable sources, at a cost lower than what you pay now. Based on representations made by the CCA Administrator appointed by the Town, from the outset that's been our commitment to you – **100% renewable at lower cost.**

A year ago the CCA Administrator solicited bids for electricity, to get the program started. All bids received were for a higher price per kilowatt hour than the RG&E benchmark rate. Accepting any of them would have increased the cost of electricity to every household and small business in Pittsford.

Consequently the Town proceeded instead with our Community Solar program, which supports locally generated renewable energy and helps residents save on their electric bill. We're hoping that changes in the electricity market eventually might get us a lower price for electricity under a CCA program.

Accordingly, we had the CCA Administrator again solicit bids for electricity in May of this year. The RG&E benchmark to beat was \$0.0453 per kilowatt hour. Bids were opened on June 4. The low bid for 100% renewable was \$0.058 per kilowatt for residences and \$0.05877 for small businesses.

Accepting these bids would have resulted, compared to the RG&E benchmark, in a 28% increase in the cost of electricity for every home in Pittsford and a 30% increase for every small business.

The Town kept its commitment to you. We did not accept the bids. We expect to go to bid again next year to see if changes in the market at that time will let us proceed with a CCA program that brings in electricity from 100% renewable sources at a cost lower than what you're paying to RG&E.

Erie Canal Nature Preserve

Joni Mitchell once sang *"They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."*

In Pittsford, we didn't.

One of my first acts as Town Supervisor was to scrap a plan for buildings and parking on significant acreage of unspoiled Town-owned land along the Canal.

On Earth Day this year, we dedicated this unique area of woodlands, meadows and wetlands as a nature preserve. Together with the adjacent 10 acres of land owned by the Village, our new Erie Canal Nature Preserve comprises part of 30 protected acres for public enjoyment and education in the heart of the Town, and right in the Village. Our Nature Preserve offers a creekside rest area, with overlooks of the frog ponds and meadows, and includes an elevated boardwalk trail allowing minimal-impact access to the wetlands. Its newly created trail provides a minimally invasive means of access to the preserve. It also connects the Canal Towpath with the Auburn Trail, vastly expanding our trail network.

As part of the Nature Preserve we planted a Pollinator Garden consisting of native plants. This represents part of the Town's

program of planting pollinator gardens on Town-owned open spaces across Pittsford, to support the vitality of species like insects and birds whose role is so important to a healthy ecosystem.

Just for fun, last fall I set out on my ancient 3-speed Raleigh bicycle with a Go Pro and had a friend follow with a drone to get some video of this beautiful natural resource. If you haven't had a chance to walk it yet yourself, you can find the video on our Parks and Trails web page at www.townofpittsford.org/parks-and-trails.

On a personal note, one of my greatest joys as Town Supervisor is to be able to carry through a project like this, from conception to completion, to provide a tangible benefit to the residents of the Town. This is what Town government is really all about.

Many thanks to landscape architect and project designer Sue Steele, to Parks Foreman Jess Neal and to Commissioner of Public Works Paul Schenkel for their work and inspired ideas that have made our Nature Preserve a reality. And thanks to our outstanding Parks Department crew for creating this wonderful addition to our parks system.

I hope you'll have a chance to visit the Nature Preserve soon. As you enjoy it, remember that this wonderful resource will be there for our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and future generations to enjoy in perpetuity. And for all the living creatures that make it their home.

Zoning Code Update

The Town Board has been conducting regular meetings devoted to revising the Zoning Code on the basis of the Town's Comprehensive Plan that we updated in 2019. The meetings are open to the public and are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at noon, through the end of 2021. You can find details of the meetings, including how to watch, on the Town's online calendar at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar.

Town Upgrades Website for Increased Accessibility



The Town recently overhauled our website to provide easier access to information and a more secure platform. Our website is **fully ADA compliant**, ensuring access to the widest possible audience, regardless of circumstances or ability. It provides for optimized screen reading, keyboard navigation and provides help for users with impaired vision or motor skills. It offers special accommodations for those with epilepsy, ADHD or cognitive disabilities. Users can adjust fonts, colors, audio, content elements and other functions to suit their needs.

We've made the website much more

mobile-friendly. It's much easier to navigate now on your cell phone, tablet or other mobile device. You'll find the same quality functions as using a desktop. With an internet connection, users can retrieve anything on the Town website – including news, project updates, livestreaming Town Board meetings and more, wherever they may be at any time.

We've also upgraded the Town website to a **secure platform**, which will allow for expanding online business transaction options in the future.

"The new website looks great, works even better, is more secure, increases access for the disabled and works well on phones," said Town Supervisor Bill Smith. He continued, "Sincere thanks to IT Director Joy Brown, Communication Director Shelley O'Brien and Technical Specialist Alicia Forward for their many months of work on a job well done."

Check the Town website's **About Pittsford** tab for information about our parks and trails, community events, Town history and especially the **Project Updates** to see just how much we have going on for the benefit of Pittsford's residents. The tabs for **Services** and **Departments** each feature detailed drop-down menu choices that make it easy to find what you're looking for. Through the **Contact** tab you can easily find contact information by topic. Under the **Government** tab you'll find links to key Town information, including board meeting agendas and minutes, budget and assessment information, Town reports and publications, the Town Code and more.

Our **Find it A-Z List** provides a list of direct links to hundreds of topics. To search it, use the **Pittsford A to Z** graphic link found on all pages of the Town website or use the link under the Services tab.

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Please participate actively in the rezoning effort. Please scrutinize closely proposed changes in zoning law, to make sure you have a clear understanding of the real meaning, intent and effect of changes proffered from any quarter. Maintaining the quality of life and character of our community, maintaining the value of your investment in your home doesn't happen by chance. And my commitment to you continues, to do my utmost as Supervisor to make sure for years to come that the choice you made to live in Pittsford remains the right one.

To learn more, offer your comments on the Zoning Code and to find links to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, current Zoning Code and other relevant documents, visit the Town's website at **www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate**.

Review of Town's Ethics Code

Pittsford has had an Ethics Code in place for many years, with the full force of law.

It's substantially similar to the Ethics Codes of most other Towns in Monroe County. From time to time, every policy should be reviewed. Earlier this year I appointed a bipartisan committee of the Town Board to review the existing Ethics Code and suggest recommendations for revisions. The Committee members are Kate Munzinger and Stephanie Townsend, members of our Board in whom the community can have confidence to undertake this work in good faith, focusing on the best interests of the Town and its residents.

On August 3 they reported to the Town Board, proposing a complete revised Code of Ethics. You can view the proposed new Code, the Committee's presentation at the August 3 Board meeting and the current Code at **www.townofpittsford.org/ethicscode**.

Town Budget for 2022

As I write this, Town Department Heads are preparing for my review of

the proposed budget requests for their departments in 2022. Each year these comprise the basis for the preliminary budget I propose, as a basis for discussion at a public hearing, and then on my actual final budget proposal for the year ahead.

Since 2018, my budgets for the Town have improved services while cumulatively reducing the Town tax rate by 9%. This remains my orientation and focus in fulfilling the Supervisor's statutory duty to prepare a preliminary budget and then to make a final budget proposal for the Town Board to review and approve. This year, as every year, I approach the task by employing the same principles of careful financial management that have made Pittsford the only municipality of its size in the United States to have the highest credit rating possible – Triple A. And to have reduced the Town tax rate while doing it.

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Greenprint 25: Spotlight on Knickerbocker and Willard Farms

Pittsford's Greenprint for the Future marks its 25th Anniversary this year. This

forward-looking program, unique for its time, preserved over 2,000 acres of open space in Pittsford, including two-thirds of the farmland then remaining in the Town. The Town purchased development rights for this farmland, ensuring it was permanently preserved as farmland and could never be developed. Among the farms preserved by the Town's Greenprint are the Knickerbocker Farms and the Willard Farms.

The Greenprint preserved three farms in the Knickerbocker family and a fourth that was later purchased by a family member. **The J. Monroe Knickerbocker Farm** has been farmed by the family since the mid-1800s and is currently owned by Monroe's son, Larry Knickerbocker. Larry farms with his son Whitney. Larry's young grandsons are the 8th generation on the farm and are already eagerly helping out with farm chores.

Overlooking the Irondequoit Valley, the 113-acre farm straddles both sides of Knickerbocker Road. Larry works the main farm, his personal farmland on Mendon Center Road, some leased acreage, and the Manno Farm on Willard/Mendon Center Roads, which he was able to purchase by participating in the Greenprint. The 226-acre **Manno Farm** had been preserved through the Greenprint as well. Altogether he farms about 500 acres in the Town.



The Knickerbocker farmstead, established in 1842.

"I bought the Manno Farm with the proceeds from selling the development rights to my farm," says Larry. "And I would never have been able to match the price developers were willing to pay for that farmland without the Greenprint." At the time, land was becoming more and more scarce. "There wasn't enough land to work. Some farmers were forced out," Larry says. He's thankful the Town Greenprint saved so much land from development. "Now there's enough land to keep farming here."

Knickerbocker Farms' main crops are corn, wheat, kidney beans, hay and straw. Their farm stand at 164 Knickerbocker

Road offers a bit of everything, all home-grown: sweet corn, tomatoes, squash, peaches, eggs and more, plus pumpkins and cornstalks in the fall.

The H. Harlan Knickerbocker Farm has been owned by members of the Knickerbocker family since the Civil War era. It comprises more than 100 acres of highly productive land. Harlan's grandsons Rob and Alex Menzie currently own the farm, in addition to their farm in Lima, NY. The Menzies lease the farm to Bill Willard of Willard Farms for farming.



Paula and Bill Willard at the Willard Farms homestead.

Willard Farms spans both sides of Willard Road. Founded by Oliver Perry Willard and Mary Evelyn Burlingame in the 1880s, it's been run by the family for generations. Today Bill Willard (4th generation) and Marc Krieger (5th generation) own and farm the land. Bill's wife Paula runs the farmstand. The homestead and farmstand are located at 116 Willard Road, surrounded by over 80 acres of farmland. Bill and Marc farm an additional 100 acres on the nearby Menzie/H. Harlan Knickerbocker Farm. Bill's been farming the land all his life, and his grandchildren – the 6th generation on the farm – are already helping out picking beans. The wheat, corn and soybeans the Willards grow are sold wholesale. Their farmstand features sweet corn, tomatoes, and a variety of squash and other vegetables, including green and yellow beans, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage, plus pumpkins in the fall – all home-grown.

Bill says the farm was frequently targeted by developers before the Greenprint. "My father (Walter Willard) told me he used to get four to five builders stopping by a week offering to buy the land," he says. Walter Willard refused the offers but was concerned that someday he would have to sell. Once the Greenprint went through in 1996 and the Town purchased their development rights, the Willards no longer had to worry about selling. "I'm very thankful for the Greenprint," says Bill Willard. "It took a lot of pressure off of us."

Greenprint 25 Self-Guided Tour in September!
Details soon at www.townofpittsford.org/greenprint25.

New Town Nature Preserve is Open!

Thanks to Boy Scout **Paul Wazowicz**. For his Eagle Scout project Paul designed the benches installed throughout the park and built the two that now sit by the frog ponds.

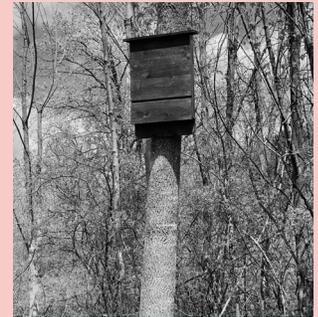
Thanks to two other Scouts whose Eagle Scout projects contributed to the Nature Preserve: **Mason Bennett** built two benches and **Jack Fantauzzo** built three bat boxes. Two of the bat boxes you'll see along the Frog Pond Trail; the other resides at Great Embankment Park.



For his Eagle Scout service project, Paul Wazowicz designed and built the two benches located by the Frog Pond at our Erie Canal Nature Preserve. Our Parks Head, Jess Neal, admired them so much we've used Paul's design for all the benches throughout the preserve! Many thanks to Paul for a job well done. He's pictured here with one of his benches together with his brother, Alex Wazowicz and dad, Mark Wazowicz.



Supervisor Smith, Town and Volunteer Board members, project partners, staff and residents celebrated the opening of our Erie Canal Nature Preserve.



Bat boxes built by Jack Fantauzzo as an Eagle Scout project will encourage bats to visit the Nature Preserve. A single bat can catch and eat thousands of insects in an evening, including pests – a great help to farmers!

The entrance to the Town's Erie Canal Nature Preserve entrance is located along the Canal path – a short walk east from the Monroe Avenue Bridge or west from the North Main Street Bridge. Find more information and a map at www.townofpittsford.org/parks-and-trails. Take time to stop by and enjoy the beauty of our natural environment!

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Pittsford is eligible to receive up to \$2.8 million under the federal "American Rescue Plan" enacted to help mitigate budgetary hardships caused by the COVID pandemic. Guidance from the federal government has been somewhat uncertain about details of how we can use the funds. We've engaged expert professional assistance from our auditing firm to help. The Town Board and I will be actively soliciting advice and suggestions from Pittsford residents once we have a clearer understanding of precisely what we can do with the money.

I'm sorry to have to report to you the one aspect of the federal guidance that's all too certain: applying these funds directly to property tax relief for Town taxpayers is expressly forbidden by the federal legislation creating the "American Rescue Plan." My proposals to the Town Board for use of these funds will be shaped by ideas from residents that have broad support within the community and that provide the maximum possible benefit to Pittsford taxpayers.

Many Ways to See Town Board Meetings

If you can't attend a Town Board meeting in person, we've made viewing easy. I'm committed to making our meetings

accessible to Pittsford residents. For this purpose we've been able to livestream our Town Board meetings with the new camera we purchased in 2019. Before that we had offered on-demand video, after each meeting, for years. You can watch the live feed on any device. You'll find the link on page two of the agenda for each meeting, which is posted on the Town's minutes and agendas page at least two days before every meeting. The livestream link also is found on our TV-12 cable access channel web page at www.townofpittsford.org/channel12. To view the livestream, click the Town Board Meeting livestreaming link when the meeting begins.

In addition to the livestream, Town Board meetings are recorded and broadcast on Pittsford's local access cable channel 1303, and we've continued the on-demand video. You'll find the link on our TV-12 web page as well. We provide ASL interpretation at every Town Board meeting. The Board meets at Town Hall on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. You can consult www.townofpittsford.org/calendar for meeting dates.

Keep Track of Our Progress

I've discussed a number of projects and

undertakings going on at the moment, but feel like I've barely scratched the surface. At any given moment, our Town team is working on a range of projects to benefit Pittsford residents. As a useful reference, check out our Project Updates web page at www.townofpittsford.org/project-updates. You'll find some of the most interesting under "Miscellaneous Projects."

Let Me Know What You Think!

Best wishes for a lovely summer and best of luck to all Pittsford students who will head back to college or set out for their first year.

The most important resource for me in being able to maintain and improve the quality of community and neighborhood life is to hear from you, our residents, about what the Town can do for you. I keep an open door at Town Hall and welcome visits from residents during regular business hours, Monday to Friday. You can visit my open house at the Library one Saturday each month, and can always set up a personal meeting if you like. I answer my own phone. You can reach me at **248-6220** and by email at wsmith@townofpittsford.org. Please let me know what matters most to you!

Elderberry Express Rides for Seniors Available

Elderberry Express is a local free transportation service for Pittsford residents of age 55 and older. It's now resumed its full schedule of services. Its volunteer drivers provide transport to and from medical appointments, banking activities, visits to friends and family, prescription pickups, hairdresser/barber appointments and grocery shopping. The service is free, though donations are welcome. Please note current COVID-19 precautions will be followed, so drivers and passengers will be required to wear a mask.



Elderberry Express needs more volunteer drivers! Drivers are on duty from one to a few times each month. The time commitment per trip is between one to two hours. This modest time commitment makes a big difference to fellow Pittsford residents who can no longer drive. Volunteering your time as an Elderberry driver gives others the gift of continued independence.

For information about scheduling a ride, or to volunteer as a driver, call or stop by the Elderberry Express office in the Senior Programs Office at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, telephone **248-6237**.

Lunch Programs Bring Seniors Together

It was wonderful to see our seniors together again, enjoying a July picnic at King's Bend Park. During the pandemic restrictions our senior lunch programs were limited to curbside pickup. In August, in-person lunches at our Senior Center in the Spiegel Community Center resume! For information about lunch programs or to register for any of our other senior programs at the Spiegel Community Center, call the Senior Programs Office at **248-6235**.



Our Parks Department is hard at work building and maintaining our trails.



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Appreciating - and Sharing - Our History Preserving the Signs that Preserve Our History

Many thanks to prospective Eagle Scout **Ethan Rehkopf** who recently organized and completed an ambitious project to refurbish the Town's Historic Markers. Ethan worked with Town and Village Historian



Audrey Johnson to research the locations of all 14 signs and to determine the appropriate colors for repainting the signs. He organized a group of fellow scouts from Troop 341, who worked together to refurbish all of the historic markers throughout the Town and Village. Now we can all read more easily these interesting signs marking people, places and events important to Pittsford's history. Well done Ethan and the scouts from Troop 341!

Celebrating the MilePost-Stonetown Historic District

The Town has placed banners in the MilePost-Stonetown Historic District to celebrate this historic part of our community and to increase public awareness of it. In 1991 the Town's Historic Preservation Commission designated the area as a local historic district. This year we mark its 30th anniversary.



Located south of the Village where Main Street, Stone Road, Mendon Road, and Mendon Center Road meet, the district includes some of the earliest properties settled in the Town. These include the Lusk Farmstead and another historic residence on Mendon Center Road, the oldest house in Pittsford, located on Stone Road, the Pioneer Burying Ground and Mile Post Schoolhouse #1 on Mendon Road, and an early Greek Revival farmhouse on South Main Street. The historic and architectural significance of each contribute to the distinctive character of the immediate area. The MilePost-Stonetown Historic District serves as an outstanding example of Pittsford's heritage, history and character.

The Town's Design Review and Historic Preservation Board proposed and designed the banners and Supervisor Smith and the Town Board approved the project.

At present, MilePost-Stonetown is the only local historic district in the Town of Pittsford. A number of other neighborhoods are eligible for local historic district designation pending a future review of the current preservation code, as recommended in the Town Comprehensive Plan Update.

Town Events Bring Our Community Together

A Full Season of Summer Concerts

Our free **Summer Concert Series** kicked off June 25 and we were able to add four concerts this season, so you can enjoy music by the canal in Carpenter Park at 6:30pm every Friday night through August 27! Food is available on-site for purchase. This year we moved our two Wednesday night **Concerts for Kids** outdoors at the Spiegel Community Center. This allows more room – for family fun and food trucks for your enjoyment. The food trucks will serve from 5:00 to 8:00pm; the concerts begin at 6:30pm. Find a complete schedule and information for all of our concerts at www.townofpittsford.org/events.



Family Outdoor Movies Back at Thornell Farm Park Friday Night Movies Featuring Food Trucks On-Site

Our Family Outdoor Movie Nights are back at Thornell Farm Park. All movies are on Friday nights. The movies are free and food trucks will be on site each evening from 5:00pm until the movie starts at about 9:00pm. **Don't miss our final movie on August 27!** Visit www.townofpittsford.org/movienights for a movie schedule and a listing of the food trucks attending each week. **Make sure** to bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and join us for a summer evening with family and friends.



Movies are more fun under the stars with friends and family!

“Paint Pittsford!” Community Art Event Underway Art to be featured in Art Walk Sept. 17 & 18

Do you paint or would you like to? If so, consider being a part of “Paint Pittsford!” Artists at all levels of skill and experience are invited to paint a scene from anywhere in the Town or Village of Pittsford and to enter their work for the Paint Pittsford show that runs from September 17 to October 31. Works by Pittsford residents submitted in the “Open” division will be displayed at the Spiegel Community Center. “Masters” division submissions will be displayed at the Pittsford Fine Art Gallery at 4 N. Main Street. Artwork must be submitted to Pittsford Fine Art by September 10. The artwork also will appear in the Pittsford Art Walk, a feast of visual creativity among the Village’s fine art galleries, to be held September 17 and 18. You can learn more about Paint Pittsford and the Art Walk at www.pittsfordfineart.com/events.

Food Truck & Music Fest 9/18 – Bigger and Better! Event Features Duck Drop & Pittsford Crew

The Town’s signature end-of-summer festival returns this year, bigger and better than ever! Our Main Street Food Truck & Music Fest takes place on Saturday, September 18 from 12noon to 9:00pm in the Village. This year, activities extend over to the canal as well.

In addition to food, music, family fun and fireworks, the fest will include the Pittsford Youth Services Duck Drop and a Rowing Exhibition by the Pittsford Crew. You can enjoy a Pittsford Art Walk and we’ll celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Town’s Greenprint Plan that preserved from development 2,000 acres of open countryside – two-thirds of Pittsford’s remaining farms at the time. It’s the perfect way to bring our community together once again!

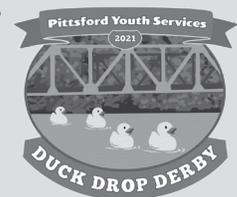
Of course we’ll have the traditional wine and beer garden, a broad variety of food, family activities, children’s entertainment, shopping at Village merchants and live music all day. To mark our first community festival after the pandemic lockdown we’ll close things out with a bang: fireworks at 9:00pm.

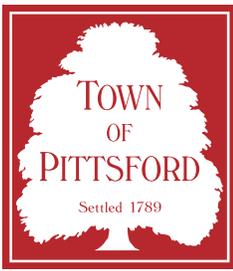
You’ll find more details for the Food Truck and Music Fest, including a complete schedule, on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/foodtruckmusicfest as the festival date approaches.

PYS Duck Drop is Sept. 18 – Volunteers Needed!

The Pittsford Youth Services Duck Drop Derby is back and they need your help! PYS is looking for youth volunteers to assist with ticket sales and to work at the event. It’s a great

opportunity to earn community service hours and to join in the fun of a favorite community activity. Interested volunteers should contact PYS Executive Director of Administration Jill Lennox at jlennox@pittsfordyouthservices.org.





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Public Safety Message from Supervisor Smith

In the last year crime has been on the upswing in America, and Pittsford is no exception. As Town Supervisor I'm in frequent contact with the Commander of Zone A of the Sheriff's Office that provides law enforcement to keep us safe. From my earliest days in the legal profession and earlier as a law student, I've been an advocate for victims of crime. Our priority needs to be to do everything we can to protect more people from becoming victims.

Along these lines it's all the more important for each of us to take common-sense steps to avoid becoming victims. Break-ins, car theft, carjackings and home invasions regrettably are crimes that have all occurred in Pittsford in the past 12 months.

The Sheriff's Office recommends that for your own safety and your family's, please do the following:

Keep your doors locked, even when at home. This is especially

important when your children are home by themselves.

Be aware of your surroundings at all times – when walking, shopping, parking, at the ATM and at stop lights. Stick to well-lit and populated areas whenever possible.

Avoid being alone in secluded locations and let someone know where you're headed if you do travel alone.

Keep cars locked and valuables out of sight, even when the car's in your own driveway. An empty-looking car is less inviting to thieves. Get into the habit of keeping any valuables out of site, even while driving. And be sure to keep your car doors locked when driving.

Keep your doors and windows locked when leaving home, even for short periods. That includes doors of attached garages and breezeways and basement windows. If you're out in the backyard, be sure your front door is locked.

Be aware of suspicious behavior and report it if necessary –

for example, a person stopping repeatedly at doors but not waiting for anyone to answer. Someone looking into parked cars. Sometimes a simple "Hi, can I help you?" can help a visitor find their way. Trust your instincts. If you see something suspicious or potentially dangerous, call 911.

Always have your mobile phone handy – and charged.

And finally, a word on **our most persistent, though not always prosecuted, problem in Pittsford – speeding**. Drive like your loved ones live wherever you are – because somebody's loved ones do! Obey traffic signs and speed limits. Keeping our streets safe for everyone requires each of us to do our part.

Together we can help assure the safety of each other and our community.

– Bill