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Looking forward to priorities for 2014

As we look forward to 2014, we look ahead to opportunities for further improving our quality of life here in Pittsford. In future columns I will update you on these efforts in more detail, but below are some of the main priorities along this line for the coming year.

The Town’s initiative to provide more playing fields and to improve existing fields continues in partnership with the Pittsford Central School District. Currently, our town engineers and designers are examining and refining concept plans for new athletic fields and renovations. After further comment from the School District and the various Town volunteer boards and athletic groups involved, we will bring a preliminary final plan to the public for review and discussion in early spring.

We have begun evaluating both the process and anticipated costs for making some much-needed repairs to our Spiegel Community Center and for its restoration as an historic public space in our community. Your Town Board’s goal is to provide a venue for Pittsford’s recreation and senior programs whose quality is every bit as good as our programs themselves. Once we have gathered the necessary information and details, we will make a recommendation regarding this project, or an alternative, and solicit public review and comment.

In the weeks ahead I’ll have more to report to you about some changes in the format of our Town Board meetings which I hope will allow the public more clearly and easily to understand and evaluate matters before the Board and the issues presented for decision.

On a related note, many of you will know that a significant component of municipal government in Pittsford involves the work of our citizen volunteer boards. These are boards with important duties and, for the most part, decision-making authority. Vacancies come up from time to time and I’d like to request that those of you with an interest in serving on one of our volunteer boards send your resume to me at Supervisor’s Office, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, New York 14534.

Pittsford has a long tradition of open government. It extends to the Supervisor’s office. My door is always open to our residents and I hope you will feel free to stop by to discuss your concerns and suggestions, or to phone me at 248-6220. Unless I’m in a meeting or on another call, I answer the phone myself and will be glad to hear from you, or to greet you if you stop by.