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# **Maggie Brooks**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **BROOKS, DANIELE, TOWN OF PITTSFORD UNVEIL NEW BUS FOR SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM**

*New vehicle will provide transportation to and from "Lunch Club 60" site*

County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today joined Town of Pittsford Deputy Supervisor **Sandra Zutes** and Monroe County Legislator **Anthony Daniele** (Pittsford, East Rochester) in unveiling a new bus that will help improve access to the Town of Pittsford's senior nutrition program. The new vehicle is a Phoenix Commercial Bus and is capable of carrying 12 passengers, including one wheelchair accessible seat.

*"I am truly proud that Monroe County was able to assist in providing Town of Pittsford seniors with state-of-the-art transportation to and from their nutrition program site," said **Brooks**. "The 'Lunch Club 60' program is an invaluable resource that helps our elderly residents enjoy healthier and happier lifestyles through improved nutrition – yet, the program also offers our seniors a chance to avoid isolation by sharing a meal with their friends and neighbors. I would like to thank the Town of Pittsford for doing such an outstanding job of implementing this program in the Pittsford community."*

The new bus was jointly funded by Monroe County and the Town of Pittsford. The Monroe County Office for the Aging was able to allocate \$20,000 through New York State's Community Service for the Elderly initiative, which was provided to the Office for the Aging as part of its general funding for the coming year. The Town of Pittsford also provided matching funds from monies already allocated for the senior nutrition program, which became available after the Senior Center achieved significant cost-savings during the program's first few months of operation.

*"I am pleased we were able to continue our partnership with the Monroe County Office for the Aging and further expand access to the senior nutrition program here in Pittsford," said Pittsford Town Supervisor **Bill Carpenter**. "I would especially like to thank the staff of the Town of Pittsford VanHuysen Senior Center for operating the program so efficiently over the past months, allowing us to use surplus funds to match the County's contribution and purchase this impressive new vehicle."*

The Town of Pittsford VanHuysen Senior Center is one of 21 "Lunch Club 60" program sites located throughout Monroe County. The program debuted in the Town of Pittsford on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and provides an opportunity for seniors to share in a hot meal, partake in social activities, and receive nutrition screening, assessment, education and counseling. Monroe County Legislator **Anthony**

**Daniele** played an instrumental role in working with the Town and Office for the Aging to establish the senior nutrition program in Pittsford.

*“Thanks to this partnership between Monroe County and the Town of Pittsford, we are able to provide our local seniors with high quality services and programming,”* said **Daniele**. *“Pittsford’s Lunch Club 60 program has proven to be a resounding success and I am pleased the addition of this new vehicle will help us provide an even greater service for our local seniors at a time when they need it the most.”*

“Lunch Club 60” is a congregate meal program administered by the Monroe County Office for the Aging for persons age 60 and older. The program was initiated in 1972 as part of the federal Older Americans Act and helps elderly residents enjoy better health through improved nutrition. “Lunch Club 60” sites are located at senior centers throughout Monroe County; each location tailors services to fit the unique needs of its clients. For more information about “Lunch Club 60”, or to make a meal reservation at a program site, seniors should contact their local senior center/site or the Monroe County Office for the Aging at (585) 753-6281.

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