Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

January 4, 2017

Happy New Year!

This week’s town board meeting is the organizational meeting for the year. At this meeting all the appointments are made for boards and committees, salaries are established, various contracts are authorized, banking arrangements are confirmed, consultants are named, and other annual actions are taken.

As a reminder, you can watch town board meetings live on PCTV channel 12. You can also log on at www.penfield.org for live streaming video or to view recorded video of past meetings of interest. Please tune in and be part of your local government.

Christmas tree recycling is underway at the DPW facility, 1607 Jackson Road. All trees will be ground up and made part of the free mulch pile available at the town hall complex from early spring until we run out of material for the year. Thank you in advance for choosing to recycle your tree and keep it out of the landfill.

My next comments are fall and winter reminders. First, with the mild winter and recent rains, I have cleaned off a number of road catch basins in my neighborhood to minimize flooding. If you have a drainage basin in front of your home that is covered with leaves and debris, please clear the grate to ensure proper water flow. Secondly, we know the next round of snow is just around the corner! Please remember that snow plow rules are in effect through April 1. This means no parking is allowed on Penfield roads and highways between 2:00 and 7:00 AM so our DPW crews can safely and effectively maintain the roadways.

Thank you for assisting our crews in making the roads safer for everyone traveling to work, school, and other activities. And please don’t forget about neighborhood fire hydrants – keep them clear of snow to save valuable time for emergency responders in the event of a fire. It’s the small things at times that make the most difference for the safety of others.

During the course of any given week I receive calls and emails from residents regarding unsafe conditions on our roadways, vehicle speed, traffic flow, and parking. Penfield has an excellent working relationship with the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department, and I meet monthly with Zone A Commander Captain Ott to address these and another police matters that impact the town and Penfield residents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheriff O’Flynn and his entire staff at Zone A for their support of this great community and for the work they do to help keep Penfield safe.

One last reminder, registration began Tuesday, January 3 for most Penfield Recreation programs. Many of these programs fill up quickly due to their popularity. If you have not yet registered for a program you are interested in you may want to do so quickly!

In the New Year, the town’s Employee Wellness Team encourages us all to “know our numbers” for blood pressure, fasting blood sugar, cholesterol, and BMI (body mass index). Knowing your numbers is a key first step to improving your overall health and wellness.

By now you should have received your 2017 combined Town and County Tax bill that was mailed December 31. If you have not yet received your bill, please contact the tax office at 340-8626 for a duplicate copy. My annual letter explaining items on the tax bill can be found online at www.penfield.org in the tax receiver section. Hard copies are available at the tax office.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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