Shadow Pines update…at the January 3, 2018 organizational meeting of the Town Board, the board adopted two resolutions relating to Shadow Pines. The first was to authorize a contract with BME Associates for land surveying services relating to the acquisition of the property. The second resolution was to provide for holding a special Town election to be held on Tuesday, February 27 to vote on two propositions for the approval of bond resolutions authorizing the acquisition of all the Shadow Pines properties. The Town and the Seller continue good faith negotiations for a Purchase and Sales Agreement acceptable to both parties. I will provide a weekly update in my column on Shadow Pines and with my “Message from the Supervisor” postings on the home page of the town website.

February and April breaks are just around the corner. The Penfield Recreation Department has a complete lineup of activities for our young residents including arts & crafts, special events, and physical and recreational activities. Please check out the winter/spring 2018 brochure for more details on all program offerings. You can also log on to www.penfieldrec.org to view a digital brochure and register online.

The Penfield Public Library also has a wonderful lineup of programs for winter and spring breaks including family game day, LEGO labs, Tales for Tails, stuffed animal sleepover, scrap art, and much more. Go to www.penfieldlibrary.org for more details on these programs and others offered by the Friends of Penfield Public Library.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 6 for the big “Band Radio Hour” featuring the Rotary Big Band and a new live episode of “Nick Falcon Private Eye.” This program will be held at the Community Center, 1985 Baird Road, with dinner at 6:00 PM followed by the “Big Band Radio Hour” and dancing at 7:30 PM. This is a FUNraising event for our DEAR programing, tickets are $25.00 and may be purchased by phone (340-8655, option 0) or register at www.penfieldrec.org.

Calling all hikers! The ever-popular annual “Indoor Hike” is scheduled for Saturday, February 10 from 10:00 AM to noon in the town hall auditorium. Come and meet the staff behind all of the Penfield town hiking programs. There will be an outdoor adventure featured speaker, so please join us for this inspiring event.

As we are all cleaning up from the latest blast of winter, I want to remind everyone to help keep hydrants clear of snow. Taking a bit of time shovel around hydrants in our neighborhoods will save precious moments for emergency responders. Additionally, please remember that winter parking rules are in effect and no cars are allowed to be parked on streets overnight to permit safe and effective snow removal. Thank you in advance for your support of these very important items.

During the last 10 days of snow and blowing weather we have had four accidents involving our town plows and motorists who were in a hurry, late for an event, or just plain careless. In all cases there was significant damage to their vehicles—and in all cases these drivers were issued one or more tickets for their unsafe behavior. As a reminder for your own safety, never pass a plow on the right, stay back 100 feet, be aware of your surroundings, and remember that many of our trucks weigh in excess of 30,000 lbs. with plow, wing and a load of salt! When in an accident, our plows tend to suffer minor damage but cars can be totaled. Thank you in advance for giving our DPW the space to perform their duties and provide you with safe roadways this winter season.

Until next week please be well and be safe!

Tony