I frequently receive calls or emails from residents concerned about blue box recycled materials (paper, plastics and more) that create wind blown litter around neighborhoods during collection days, making a mess for many homeowners. The town's Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee reminds us all to consider some type of cover or weight to keep materials in place until picked up by the refuse haulers. I recently learned of a product on the Monroe County website under "residential recycling" which is a RNET RECYCLING BIN COVER. This very simple cover attaches to your blue box and covers recyclables to keep them in place, reducing wind blown litter. To learn more, log on to www.rentrochester.vpweb.com. Thank you in advance for helping to minimize the litter in our community.

I was recently made aware by Dayton's Corners School Coordinator Karyn Turner that a special thank you needs to go out to Don Osbourne of the Heritage Association and Eric Hooker of the National Watch and Clock Collectors for the work they performed to restore the school's clock. The clock, a centerpiece of the school, was manufactured by the Gilbert Clock Company some time between 1866 and 1870. The interior workings had to be completely redone, the case was refinished and the face replaced. Being a nonprofit organization, Dayton's Corners School did not have the funds to undertake this project; however, Don and Eric responded very generously and restored the clock to its original condition without any cost to Dayton's Corners. Now that is true commitment! Eric and Don, thank you for your very generous gift to Dayton's Corners School and our Penfield community.

As a neighbor, I know Jim Stranz is a Penfield firefighter. I see him at functions throughout town or pulling out of his driveway to respond to fire emergencies and accidents or to provide medical support as a first responder. What I did not know about Jim until just a few days ago is that he is training for the 21st annual Scott Firefighter Stair Climb on March 11 in Seattle to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Jim is one of 1,500 firefighters from across the nation to participate, and he is the only competitor from the Rochester/Monroe County area. Jim is climbing in honor of a friend who died of Leukemia in 2009. I understand Jim's goal is to hike the 69 floor skyscraper in full gear in 16 minutes or less to raise $2,000. Wow, what an impressive feat! Penfield is filled with amazing stories like Jim's. On behalf of the entire community, good luck on this great cause, and mark me down to assist you in achieving the $2,000 goal!

You often hear me say that healthy business makes for a health community. I would like to recognize Mark Bender, owner of the Penfield Sears Hometown Store located in Panorama Plaza, for being named a "2011 Sears Hometown Store Premier Dealer." This annual award recognizes stores that offer consistent customer service, uphold outstanding store performance standards and show exceptional demonstrations of local community involvement. Mark, congratulations to you and your team for receiving this award and for being a part of the Penfield community.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 11 at 10 a.m. for the annual Indoor Hike sponsored by the Penfield Trails Committee. This year's featured speaker will be David Wright of the Victor Hiking Trails. This will be a "Hikers Jamboree" so lace up your hiking boots and meet the many trails groups from the Greater Rochester Area and their hiking programs for 2012. The program will be held at the Town Hall in the auditorium, I hope to see you there.

Well, winter finally showed up in full force. Because it has been a while since we have had to deal with snow and slippery conditions, I thought it best to recap a few items. No parking is allowed on all roads and highways between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. to allow highway crews to safely and effectively plow and maintain roads. If your mailbox is damaged please call the Highway Department at 340-8710 and we will follow up accordingly. Clear all the snow from your vehicle including headlights and taillights to help ensure safe travel and allow for extra drive time to get to your destination. According to my calculations spring is just 60 days away!

Until next week...be aware of slippery surfaces while walking and drive according to conditions.

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