“Understanding Insurance Impacts & Ramifications of the National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization” is the topic of a presentation on Monday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. Jayme B. Thomann, AICP, CFM, a Senior Planner at Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, will explain the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW12) that became effective October 1, 2013 and how it impacts property owners and their flood insurance. She will also address more changes that are coming in 2014. Who should attend? Residents, real estate professionals, insurers – any entities that pay flood insurance. The presentation is free and registration is not required. If you are interested but cannot attend, the program will be broadcast on Penfield TV and online at www.penfieldtv.com. It will also be taped and made available on our website for future reference.

While there has been a break in our winter weather and snow plowing, I want to take a minute to remind residents and their snow plowing contractors that clearing driveways by pushing snow across the streets is illegal. Section 1219 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and Section 214 of the Highway Law of New York State specifically prohibit the placing of snow, ice, or other substances upon the highway, which includes pavement, shoulders and ditches. The law requires homeowners to keep snow on their own property. Each year several tickets are issued to homeowners and plowing contractors who violate this law. Please comply and don’t be on the receiving end of a ticket from the Sheriff’s Department.

This past weekend the town board recognized another Boy Scout who attained the rank of Eagle. A Court of Honor was held for Bryan R. Lurz from Troop 312. Bryan cleared and mulched a trail in Corbett’s Glen Park which helped to expand the overall trail system in this unique and beautiful site that is accessed by many residents from Penfield and surrounding communities. Eagle Scouts have added to our community’s quality of life through many wonderful projects. On behalf of the entire community of Penfield, thank you Bryan for your efforts on this project—your family must be proud of your accomplishments!

One last reminder, the 2014 State of the Town Address is scheduled for Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall auditorium. The Town Board will be providing a summary of 2013 and will lay out the plans and goals for 2014. If you cannot attend, please tune into PenfieldTV or log on to www.penfieldtv.org to watch online.

The Senior Police Academy will once again be offered through the Penfield Recreation Department in conjunction with the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office. This nine week academy runs Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to noon from March 20 to May 8. Participants will get a first-hand account of the agencies and departments that make up the Sheriff’s Office. Field trips include the Public Safety Building, Public Safety Training Facility, Emergency Operations Center, and the Monroe County Correctional Facility. There will be presentations by SWAT, K-9, mounted patrol, DWI Unit and much more. Enrollment is $6.00 and is limited. Adults 55-plus can register for this program online at www.penfieldrec.org.

The days are getting longer and January seems to be flying by quickly. Before long I will be reporting on spring activities. I hope to see you out and about in our great community of Penfield!

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