This time of year I receive several calls from residents asking about the policy or practice of plowing snow across the town, county or state roadways. The Vehicle and Traffic Law, as well as the New York State Highway Law, prohibit placing snow, ice or other substances upon the highway; this includes pavement, shoulders and ditches. Many residential plowing services push the snow from driveways they are plowing across roads, causing a hazard which could result in a serious accident. The Sheriff’s Department and State Police will ticket the responsible person or persons for this practice. If your plow service regularly pushes snow across a roadway you may want to encourage them to change their practice. Fines could be as high as $1,000.00. Thank you in advance for helping to keep all of our roadways safe for everyone.

Over the next several weeks the Monroe County Water Authority (MCWA) will begin the next phase of the eastside water supply project. The work will start at Atlantic Ave and proceed north to Plank Road with the installation of a 48’ transmission main. The main will run cross-country on permanent easements and the highway right-of-way. This work consists of four phases: survey work, main installation, testing, and restoration. Construction is expected to last through the end of August with restoration completed by September. If you have questions, contact the MCWA customer service department at 442-7200 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or call their dispatcher at 442-2009 at all other times. MCWA will have an inspector on site throughout construction. Their inspectors carry an ID badge and are happy to answer any questions you may have about the pipeline construction.

It is not too early to sign up for the Penfield Recreation summer day camp program. This very popular program has four sessions that run from June 24 to August 9. The Community Center location has an extended hours option. You can save 10% on day camps by registering online. For more details, please check out page 19 of the winter/spring Penfield Recreation brochure or log-on to www.penfieldrec.org. Please note session dates, playground sites and registration fees (per child) for each session. Also, please indicate second/third choices on the registration form should you be closed out of your first choice. Lastly, the community center option does fill up quickly!

I was recently informed by the director of the Penfield Library, Bunny Brinkman, that our library was selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities to receive its Muslim Journeys Bookshelf, part of their Bridging Cultures initiative. This collection of twenty-five books and three DVDs will provide information to the community on the many facets of Islamic culture. More information will be available on their web-site at www.penfieldlibrary.org.

I will be presenting the “Wellness of our Community,” or what is commonly referred to as the “State of the Town,” on Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you cannot make it out consider tuning into Penfield TV or log on to www.penfield.org to watch the streaming video.

Important dates and events in history: January 23, 1933 – The 20th Amendment is added to the Constitution. The 20th Amendment to the United States Constitution establishes the beginning and ending of the terms of the elected federal offices. It also deals with scenarios in which there is no President-elect. January 27, 1973 – The United States and Vietnam sign a peace treaty, ending the Vietnam War.

Until next week stay warm, winter is back!

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