Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
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The weekend storm came in as promised with close to 17 inches of blowing and drifting snow and frigid temperatures. Highway crews worked around the clock keeping up with snowfall and, as expected, temps were far too low for salt to be effective. A slight warmup and some sunshine early this week will put that salt to work. Thank you to residents for observing winter parking rules (no parking on streets 2:00–7:00 AM), your cooperation made is possible for overnight crews to thoroughly plow your neighborhoods. And on behalf of all residents, I would like to thank our dispatchers and highway crews for a great job keeping more than 200 miles of town, county and state roads in Penfield safe and passable throughout the storm event.

If you park cars in your driveway overnight your doors may have frozen closed over the weekend. But you may not be the only person who was locked out of your vehicle! According to a recent weekly report from the Monroe County Sheriff’s Zone A office, more Penfield residents need to get in the habit of locking vehicles parked in driveways. There were several reported vehicle break-ins during the overnight hours of January 14/15 in various Penfield neighborhoods. In all cases, doors were left unlocked and thieves helped themselves to change, cash, and credit cards. I read in the same report that the overnight of January 8/9 the same thing happened in a Pittsford neighborhood. Suspects were apprehended and when questioned, they estimated they went through about 120 cars in that one night. Thieves move quickly and efficiently through entire neighborhoods while owners are asleep. Don’t think your street is immune to theft—all cars left in driveways are targets. Lock your doors and do not leave tempting valuables in sight.

The Penfield Symphony Orchestra will present “A Suite for the Sweet” on Monday, February 25 at 7:30 PM in the Penfield High School Auditorium. The concert will feature Bernstein’s Overture to Candide, William Grant Still’s Poem for Orchestra, Hanson’s Symphony No. 2 in D-flat major, and Grofé’s Grand Canyon Suite. Tickets can be purchased online at www.penfieldsymphony.org, by phone at 585-872-0774, at all area Wegmans, the Penfield Recreation Department, Canandaigua National Bank (Four Corners Penfield branch), and at the door on the night of the concert. Tickets cost $15 for adults and $12 for senior citizens ages 60 and over. Tickets are free for students of any age with a student ID. Free rides to the concerts are available from LIFESPAN by calling 872-0774.

How much fun can you have in Penfield for just $2.00? A lot! Leave the winter cold behind when you enjoy a Friday night open swim at the Penfield High School pool offered by Pen-Rec. Come play, swim, and exercise while enjoying this spacious pool that is set up to meet all your needs. There is a shallow end with a 4x4 tot dock for the little ones, a deep end for water walking, and two lanes dedicated to lap swimming. The fee is just $2.00 at the door, winter Fridays (1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 3/1, 3/8) from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. For more details go to www.penfieldrec.org.

If you prefer great music to a winter swim, check out Nels Carman Big Band Night featuring the Penfield Rotary Band at the Penfield Community Center the first Tuesday of every month (except July and August) from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. The next one is Tuesday, February 5. Put on your dancing shoes or tap your toes—either way you will have a fun night out for just $2.00 at the door!

The Penfield Rotary Band was formed in 1954. They offer western New York’s best representation of the classical sound of late the 1930s through the 1940s Big Band era, showcasing the modern Big Band arrangers in the style of The Tonight Show band leader "Doc" Severenson. The talented 17-member band is equally adept at swing dance ballroom and stage concert outdoor venues.

Until next week, bundle up! Please check on fire hydrants in your neighborhood and keep them clear of snow for emergency responders.

Be well and be safe,

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