Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
January 23, 2017

This past weekend I had the honor and privilege of attending the Penfield Fire Company’s Annual Banquet honoring the retirements of Chief Michael DeBree and President John Papponetti. These two gentleman served in their respective positions in 2016, the 175th anniversary of this wonderful volunteer organization that supports the Penfield Community.

Both Mike and John have made a strong commitment to public safety while balancing successful business careers and families. Their involvement in our community is a shining example of why Penfield is such a great place to live, work, and raise a family. On behalf of the Penfield Town Board and town residents I want to recognize and thank Mike and John for their service.

The Penfield Fire Company also recognized the following service award recipients: James Trau and Ronald Welkley for 50 years; Ed Sexton, Jr. 45 years; David Sweet 40 years; Charles DeBree 35 years; Robert Ockenden 30 years; Jeffrey Ebmeyer, James Herko, Jr., and Joseph Palma for 25 years. We are indeed fortunate for the commitment of the men and women of the Penfield Fire Company who are out fighting fires, addressing HAZMAT incidents, providing support to motor vehicle accidents and medical problems, and handling technical rescue situations. Penfield is grateful for your protection and support each and every day, thank you!

Since June, Pam Gerace Mount from Penfield Recreation has been working diligently with Lifespan and a committee made up of residents from Penfield and Brighton to establish a volunteer transportation program for seniors for our towns. Penfield and Brighton are the last two communities in Monroe County that do not have such a service in place. The good news is the group has adopted a mission statement, policy, procedures, and completed a survey assessing the overall need in our area. The group is now in the process of recruiting volunteers to fill out a Lifespan application, receive driver training, and ultimately become a part of the driving team.

Yesterday, the group hosted an open house in Penfield at which thirteen people expressed an interest in driving. This is a great start; however, we need many more to make this program a success.

Bri-Pen will be a volunteer transportation service to provide rides to medical appointments and religious services. If you would like to volunteer as a good neighbor and friend to this transportation program please contact Pam at 585-340-8664. Thank you in advance for supporting this very much needed service for seniors in our community.

The Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC) reminds us to clean out medicine cabinets and dispose of old prescriptions and other products at least once a year. Do not flush medicines down the drain or toilet and do not place them in the curbside blue box. Instead, you may take them to ecopark recycling center sponsored by the County of Monroe and Waste Management. Please visit www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark for details on hours of operation and what is accepted for recycling.

Important Dates and Events in History:

- January 23, 1933 – The 20th Amendment to the Constitution. The 20th Amendment to the United States Constitution moved the beginning and ending of the terms of the president and vice president from March 4 to January 20, and of members of Congress from March 4 to January 3. It also has provisions that determine what is to be done when there is no president-elect.
- January 29, 1919 – The 18th Amendment is added to the Constitution. The 18th Amendment is the only Amendment to ever have been repealed from the United States Constitution—via the inclusion of the 21st Amendment. The 18th Amendment called for the banning of the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic beverages. Known as national Prohibition, the 18th banned “intoxicating liquors” with the exception of those used for religious rites.
Until next week get ready for more of the snow and cold, we have a lot more winter weather to get through until spring is upon us!

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