As I mentioned in last week’s column, I have elected to reduce the amount of staff time in preparing a detailed multi-media presentation and related exhibits for the “State of the Town Address.” Instead, I have prepared the Town of Penfield “2015 Annual Report” that will contain much of the same information to give residents a snapshot of our 2014 accomplishments; a budget summary for 2013–2017; and a review of 2015 goals. This report is posted in the quick links box on the home page at www.penfield.org and under ‘supervisor’s office.’

For the past five years I have presented a formal State of the Town address. Typically, there are a small number of people in attendance, and most are town staff. In the interest of streamlining government while providing important information to residents, this new “Annual Report” format will accomplish both. Residents will have the opportunity to send any and all questions directly to the supervisor’s office for follow up or request additional information or materials. The “2015 Annual Report” was posted on January 30. I hope you take a moment to review the various projects completed in 2014 and key items we will be working on in 2015. As always, I welcome any and all questions and comments regarding the operation of your town government.

Recently our community was made aware that a level three sex offender had moved into Penfield across the street from Veterans’ Memorial Park at the town hall. Once we received this notification the Penfield Town Board began working with school officials, the Sheriff’s Department and the criminal justice system to address this very serious matter. Between the efforts of the board and many residents who reached out to law enforcement and the media, this individual has elected to seek other living arrangements outside of the Penfield community. However, this event raised another concern by the board. We believe current state legislation on the books regarding sex offenders does not provide our community with sufficient protection. To that end, Councilman Rob Quinn, the board liaison to Public Safety, has submitted a local law for consideration to provide more coverage and protection to our community regarding sex offenders. I will keep you updated on where we are in the process over the next several weeks as we set a public hearing date.

Reminder: The fourth annual indoor hike, known as the “Hiker’s Jamboree,” is Saturday, February 14, 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Penfield Town Hall auditorium. The program is free and open to the public. Come meet the staff behind the many hiking programs in the greater Monroe County area and learn about their offerings. This year’s featured speaker will be the Penfield Scouts “Trekking to the Mecca.” I hope to see you there.

Until next week...be well and be safe!

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