At last week’s Town Board meeting, the board unanimously passed a resolution to call for a public hearing on a moratorium for development of the Shadow Pines and Shadow Lake properties on Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. By law, there must be a public hearing to allow any and all interested parties an opportunity to speak for or against the moratorium. Once the hearing is completed, the board will take all of the comments and feedback as we prepare the final local law for adoption, which should occur by mid-March.

Following that, over roughly the next six to twelve months, the Town Board, town staff, and others will work with a committee to “vet” out uses for the property that are consistent with the comprehensive plan and infrastructure capabilities including schools, traffic, utilities, and the like. If you have an interest in serving on this committee please contact me at supervisor@penfield.org. The time commitment to serve on this committee will require several hours a week for the full duration of the moratorium.

The next “Flapjack Saturday Community Fundraiser” sponsored by the First Baptist Church will be held on Saturday, February 20 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at 1862 Penfield Road. Proceeds will directly support Penfield Area Churches for Habitat for Humanity. If you and your family are looking for a breakfast to warm the body and a benefit to warm the soul, please join the First Baptist Church for delicious pancakes, pure maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, and more. Cost is just $4.00 per person, $3.00 for children 10 and under.

A coalition of churches from Penfield, Webster, and East Rochester are working with Flower City Habitat for Humanity to eliminate housing poverty in our area by financing and constructing homes for low income homeowners in Rochester. These working families do not qualify for conventional mortgage financing. Homeowners invest 500 hours of "sweat equity" in the building of their home or that of another family. These homes are sold at no profit and no interest. The First Baptist Church invites their breakfast guests to help make a difference in our community.

As you drive around the community, you may occasionally see old TVs or computer monitors sitting at the curb in front of a home for weeks at a time. The reason for this is that, by law, waste haulers can no longer pick up and dispose of old and unused electronics; and due to electronics recycling market conditions, there is usually a fee to dispose of these items. I recently learned that Senator Joe Robach will host a free electronics recycling event on Sunday, February 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Monroe County’s ecopark, 10 Avion Drive. Acceptable items include laptops, desktops, TVs, consoles, video games, cell phones, printers, MP3 players, DVD players, and much more. For more information and a complete list of accepted and unaccepted items go to www.robach.nysenate.gov or www.sunnking.com.

It is not too early to start thinking about summer day camps offered by the Penfield Recreation Department. There are four sessions running June 27 through August 12. The camp offers a wide range of activities and experiences, and each camp session will include a bowling field trip. Extended hours are available at the Community Center camp location. Save 10 percent on camps by registering online. Due to the popularity of our camp programs the sessions fill up quickly, so do not delay in registering your child. For more information and details on the four sessions, locations, and activities, please go to www.penfieldrec.org.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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