At the February 4 Town Board meeting, Councilman Rob Quinn introduced a resolution calling for a public hearing on local law #1 of 2015 entitled the Penfield Child Safety Act. As many of you are aware, there was a complete failure in the criminal justice system that allowed a convicted level 3 sex offender to leave the State of Washington, travel 3,000 miles to Rochester, and attempt to set up his new address across the street from Veterans’ Memorial Park—all while awaiting a court date on an alleged second offense...unimaginable! The Town Board does not believe that the current NYS Sex Offender Registration Act adequately protected our community. Therefore, the proposed Penfield local law provides more restrictions and greater distances to any school grounds, playgrounds, parks, town facilities and day care facilities. The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4 at 7 PM. I encourage all interested parents, grandparents, organizations, and businesses to come support the passage of this very necessary legislation to protect all residents of Penfield, especially our children. I hope to see you on March 4!

The Fire Marshal’s Office asked me to remind our residents not to forget about that fire hydrant on or near your property as the snow continues to build up. Please take a minute to clear the snow from around the hydrant to allow easy access by the fire department. In the unfortunate event of a chimney or house fire, every minute counts to minimize overall damage. If the firefighters do not have to take time to clear snow away from the hydrant to gain access, it allows them to address the fire emergency much faster. Thank you in advance for supporting our emergency services organizations and your neighbors.

Spring is just around the corner...I promise! Now is the time to be thinking about fitness, health & wellness. I invite you to open up your most current copy of the Pen-Rec brochure or to log-on at www.penfieldrec.org to review all of the wonderful spring programs being offered by our Recreation Department. Forever Fit, Hoopdance Fitness, Vinyasa Yoga, Saturday Low Impact Aerobics, Arthritis Exercise Program, Boot Camp with Phil, Basketball for 50+, Pickleball for Beginners...and that’s only a small number of the spring offerings available. Don’t delay! Our programs fill up very quickly due to their popularity and quality!

Until next week, stay warm, remember to clear the snow from around that hydrant in the neighborhood, and I hope to see you out in the community!

Tony

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