Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

February 10, 2020

I would like to recognize all the members of the Department of Public Works for their extra efforts throughout last week’s storm event. Many of our employees spent 18-plus straight hours plowing and salting to make the roads safe for travel—and after just a few hours of rest were back in Saturday morning to deal with more of the same to clear roads and sidewalks. This dedicated group of employees provides a valuable service to our community by plowing 449 lane miles of 540 different town, county, and state roads. Additionally, they plow 69 miles of sidewalks and parking lots of all our facilities. Great job all, thank you for your service to Penfield!

The recent snow did bring some fun with it, as it helped make the Family Winter Snow Night Out last Friday a big success. Harris Whalen Park was filled residents of all ages sledding, snow-shoeing, hiking, and much more. Hot chocolate and snacks provided warmth from the cold and the energy to take “just one more” ride down the hill. This event was another great effort by our Penfield Recreation team!

At this time of year when we are all chilled by the weather, our thoughts go to comfort food! Consider this opportunity...on Saturday, February 22 the Penfield Knights of Columbus is hosting its annual pasta dinner. Some of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf. So if you are hungry for pasta and meatballs and want a break from the kitchen, you can feed your family and help those in need of assistance in our community. Dinner begins at 5:30 PM in the gym at St. Joseph’s Church on Gebhardt Rd. The cost per person is $10.00 at the door or $8.00 pre-sale. The cost per family is $25.00 at the door or $20.00 pre-sale. Please note that you may receive the pre-sale price at door with non-perishable food donation. Contact Ben Ryck for pre-sale thickets at (585) 698-9699.

It’s that time again—every ten years the U.S. Census Bureau attempts to count every resident in the United States. One new opportunity for the 2020 Census is the ability to complete the census survey online! Amazing, right? The federal government is finally embracing digital. In fact, the bureau hopes that 55 percent of responses will be submitted via computer or mobile phone. Most households will be contacted by snail mail that will provide a unique code to complete the survey online. Participating in the 2020 Census is in everyone’s best interest because decision-makers use the data to determine which communities, schools, hospitals, and roads will receive federal funding. When you receive your survey, please take a few moments to complete and submit your response...it does make a difference in your own community!

As I mentioned in last week’s column, the DRAFT Shadow Pines Conceptual Master Plan will be submitted to the town board this Wednesday (February 12) at the work session. The plan will be posted at www.penfield.org following the work session for all to view. The board will be looking to schedule a public information meeting in March. I will keep everyone updated on dates and times for any and all meetings. You may watch town board meetings on Spectrum channel 1303 or streaming video from the town website.

Reminder... Penfield Recreation has new extended hours. To better serve you, Pen-Rec is now open every Thursday until 6:30 PM. Stop by to register for a class, pick up a lodge key, or to chat about a program. We look forward to serving you!

Until next week, get ready for the next storm front approaching mid-week with a snow/rain mix and a significant temperature drop.

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