Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
Week of February 17, 2014

As of February 12, all town board work sessions are live and recorded for future reference at www.penfield.org. The town of Penfield has broadcast the town board’s two monthly legislative sessions for more than 20 years; by adding the two monthly work sessions we give residents an opportunity to view in broader detail the discussion the board has around projects and matters of interest. This is a new initiative lead by Councilman Rob Quinn to expand communications and increase transparency of your local government. Tune in from the comfort of your home on the first and third Wednesdays each month for legislative board meetings and the second and fourth Wednesdays for work sessions. We welcome your thoughts and comments on how you like this or your suggestions of what we might be able to do to make it better.

Senior Police Academy…what a great opportunity to participate first-hand in learning more about one of New York State’s leading law enforcement agencies, the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department (MCSD). Classes will meet for nine consecutive Thursdays at the Penfield Community Center March 20 through May 8. Participants will be bused to tour the various individual departments that make up the MCSD. Tours include the Public Safety Building downtown, the Public Safety Training Facility on Scottsville Road, the Emergency Operations Center (911), the Correctional Facility including talks by SWAT, K9, Mounted Patrol, DWI Unit, and more. Enrollment is $6.00 and space in limited. Adults 55+ can register for this program. For more information please call 340-8655 or register on-line at www.penfieldrec.org.

Last week I had an opportunity to present the “2014 Business & Commerce Update” to the Penfield Business Association (PBA). This is the fifth year I have had the pleasure to provide an update on new business development, highlight the prior year’s accomplishments, review the current year’s goals and priorities, and present a financial update of the town to the members and friends of the PBA. This presentation was recorded and will be available for viewing online at www.penfield.org.

Winter continues to grip our region and I want to again remind residents of actions we can all take to help get us through the next four to six weeks of the season. First, please have all vehicles in driveways and off the road after 2:00 a.m. so plows can clean all roadways. Second, if you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, please help to keep it clear and accessible for emergency responders. Next, if our snow crews damage your mailbox, it is certainly not intentional. Our drivers are maneuvering trucks that are more than twelve-feet wide with plows and wings, and more than 30 tons in weight. To report mailbox damage, please call our DPW offices at 340-8710 and we will have it repaired or replaced. Lastly, our region is experiencing a salt shortage and most towns are cutting back the amount of salt used per lane mile to maximize supplies. I know everyone has busy lives with a need to get to the next function or event as quickly as possible. Please exercise caution at all times when driving in adverse weather conditions. Thank you in advance for your assistance on these very important items.

Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR) programs continue to receive high marks for the variety of programs and overall interest. Programs are available Monday to Friday at various times to fit many schedules. If you have attended programs in the past we hope you enjoyed them and look forward to seeing you again. If you have not had the opportunity to attend, please join us. I think you will find the topics interesting and informative. For more information on the DEAR program please log on at www.penfieldrec.org. Some of the programs offer a lunch prior to the lecture for a small fee of $6.00. I have participated in a few of these programs and they were wonderful. I hope to see you there!

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

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