Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
Week of February 22, 2016

Last week’s storm dumped 20 inches of snow in about a twelve-hour period, making it very difficult for everyone, including our DPW plows, to get around. Our goal during a major event like this is to keep main roads as clear as possible to ensure fire and ambulance services can get to all emergencies. There is a protocol in place that when emergency services are responding to a subdivision, our nearest radio-controlled plow will head to that area to clear the roads to assist emergency vehicles with safe travel. I would like to give a “thank you” shout-out to all of our DPW employees (Highway, Parks, Sewer and Facilities) for spending 18-plus straight hours clearing roadways and sidewalks across the town during this event.

Penfield’s three Fire Districts and our Fire Marshal’s office have asked me to remind residents to clear snow from fire hydrants in front of or adjacent to their homes to make them accessible for emergency responders. A few minutes of your time now may save valuable minutes during an emergency in your neighborhood.

Lastly, please remember to check on the senior population in your neighborhood, not only during snow events, but all year long. Many of our seniors struggle with the smallest of tasks. Making a phone call or sticking your head in to check on elder neighbors gives them, their families, and all neighbors peace of mind.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will be holding a public information meeting on the proposed revisions to the “Air State Facility Permit” for Baker Commodities Rendering Plant on Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Avenue. Any and all interested parties will have an opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns with representatives of DEC and the Town of Penfield.

The Penfield Trails Committee’s annual “Indoor Hike” held last week was a great success with more than 40 individuals braving the snow and cold to partake in a wonderful presentation by the Rochester Orienteering Club. The session was taped and will be available on our website in the coming weeks for viewing by all interested parties.

Golf Course update...to date, we have received close to 70 requests to serve on the moratorium committee, and more are coming in every day. I will be asking each Penfield Town Board member to review this pool of candidates and submit their recommendations to me of who they believe should serve on the committee by March 4. I have asked board members to keep the committee to a maximum of 20 members, broken down roughly as follows: eleven directly-impacted neighbors; six residents from across the town; and three key stakeholders (one each from the school district, conservation board, and historic preservation board). Additionally, I will ask that consultants be identified from the New York State and Monroe County Departments of Transportation and other involved agencies. These individuals will not be actual members of the committee, rather they will act as consultants to provide input and feedback as needed throughout the entire process. Last reminder...if you have an interest in serving on the moratorium committee, please drop me an email at supervisor@penfield.org.

Until next week, please remember those fire hydrants that may need to be cleared out for our first responders...be well and be safe!

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