Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
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The next hike sponsored by the Penfield Trails Committee is scheduled for Saturday, March 10 on the west side of Webster Park. Our committee partners with the Friends of Webster Trails to explore the wooded trails on the west side of this wonderful park. Meet at the parking lot on the south side of Lake Road at the campground entrance road and look for the hike signs. This hike runs from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and will be held rain or shine. While the hike is FREE, participants are asked to register by calling Penfield Recreation at 340-8655.

Are you in need of a new or updated US Passport? If so, mark your calendar for the next “Passport Night in Penfield” to be held on Thursday, April 5 from 5:30 to 7:30PM at the Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Ave. This service comes to Penfield through the partnership with the Monroe County Clerk’s Office and the Penfield Town Clerk. For questions and details, please log on to www.penfield.org or call 340-8629.

Seasonal jobs update…Applications are continuously accepted for the following positions: school-year lifeguards/WSI, program specialists and volunteers. Applications are available at the Recreation Department Office, 1985 Baird Road or on the town’s website at www.penfield.org.

Did you know that the Penfield Public Library is a “Safe Place” community partner? Young people seeking assistance with housing, safety, or other crisis situations will be connected at the Penfield Library with outreach workers from the Center for Youth, who will assess the needs of the young person in question and access necessary services.

Residents with disabilities may be interested in SportsNet, a program that provides recreation, fitness, and sports opportunities for people with physical disabilities. For more information, please call the SportsNet office at 334-6000, x1120.

The Penfield Community Victory Garden is a three-acre garden owned by the Town of Penfield located at 1748 Five Mile Line Road. It is run completely by volunteers and donations and operated to provide Penfield residents with an opportunity to grow their own organic-based vegetables, flowers, and herbs for their own consumption or for the needy. Bed rentals are available beginning in January and fill up fast, so don’t delay in signing up! For more information go to www.penfieldrec.org and click in “Penfield Community Garden.”

Important dates and events in history: February 27, 1869 – The 15th Amendment is passed by Congress. The Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the federal and state governments from denying a citizen the right to vote based on that citizen’s "race, color, or previous condition of servitude." Any American cannot be denied the right to vote, based on race, color or being a former slave. The 15th amendment was important in that it not only finally gave African Americans the right to vote, but also allowed the most African Americans in history to be elected into public office.

Speaking of the right to vote…please remember to vote tomorrow, Tuesday, February 27 (6:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Penfield Community Center) in the Special Election for the Shadow Pines property. Voters are being asked to vote on two propositions. Proposition No. 1 represents a Bond Resolution for financing for the purchase of 206 golf course acres for an estimated $3,390,000. Proposition No. 2 represents a Bond Resolution for financing for the purchase of six acres and the Clark House buildings for an estimated $260,000.

Until next week, enjoy the mild weather and sunshine. It has been a long haul this winter; however, I think signs of spring are starting to break through!

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