As we head into this time of year I receive calls regarding snow plow damage to lawns and questions about who will make repairs and when the work will be done. Our Department of Public Works (DPW) employees will repair all of the damage done by road and sidewalk plows. Crews typically start making repairs towards the end of March or early April as the easing of winter weather allows. We will replace sod, add top soil, and seed damaged areas.

The next hike sponsored by the Penfield Trails Committee is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at the Whiting Road Nature Preserve. Our trails committee is partnering with the Friends of Webster Trails to explore the 240 acres of lake plain woodland trails at this nature preserve in Webster. Meet at the parking lot on the west side of Whiting Road, one-half mile north of Shoemaker Road and look for the hike signs. This hike runs from 10:00 a.m. to noon and will be held rain or shine. While the hike is free, participants are asked to register by calling Penfield Recreation at 340-8655.

There is still time to register children for April break (March 28 – April 1) activities sponsored by the Penfield Recreation Department. You may sign up for just one day or all five depending on your needs and interests. Each session will be filled will a variety of activities including arts and crafts, special events, and physical and recreational activities. For more information please consult page 19 of the PenRec winter/spring 2016 brochure or go to www.penfieldrec.org.

At its last meeting the Town Board approved two new businesses in the Four Corners area. The first is Pergl Business Facilities to be located at 1807 Penfield Road (the red barn behind the Penfield Convenience Store). Pergl specializes in restoration supplies for old gasoline pumps and ships materials and goods worldwide. The second is The Art Shop, LLC. that will be located at 1822 Penfield Road, which is currently the Masonic Temple building. This art shop has been operating in Webster for the past twelve-and-a-half years. It is now moving to a larger space in Penfield with the ability to offer classes, art supplies, and more. Our Town Board welcomes these new businesses to our community and thanks them for choosing Penfield.

I am reminded by the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department (MCSD) that, from time to time, there are individuals who like to “shop vehicles” in the towns on of Penfield, Pittsford and Perinton for valuables such as loose change, purses, computers, cell phones, GPS, radar detectors, and more. The MCSD wants to make sure we keep our vehicles locked and that we do not leave valuables in our cars. If you must leave valuables in your car hide them away before you drive to your destination. Do not pop the trunk in public parking areas to stash your valuables—you never know who is watching. The Sheriff’s Department has had great success in arresting a number of these individuals; however, it seems as though there are always others willing to take up this illegal occupation. Please do not make yourself a victim!

Important dates and events in history: March 3, 1918 – Russia pulls out of World War I; March 3, 1931 – The “Star Spangled Banner” is made the official U.S. National Anthem; March 4, 1793 – George Washington is sworn in as president for a second term.

Until next week be well and be safe...and remember to lock your car doors, even in your driveway!

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