County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo recently announced that Monroe County and RochesterWorks are partnering to offer a localized job fair dedicated to connecting local businesses with great talent. The program is known as “Recruiting ‘Round Rochester on the Road.” This job fair will be coming to the Penfield Public Library on Wednesday, March 8 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The partnership connects employers in the community with job seekers. The event is free and open to the public and no pre-registration is required. Many businesses will be in attendance, including Paychex and Monroe #1 BOCES. Job seekers are asked to come prepared for an interview, bring extra copies of their resumes, and dress for success. The event will be held in the Ruth Braman Room at the Penfield Library, 1985 Baird Road.

For the sixteenth consecutive year, the Penfield Public Library is collaborating with Writers & Books to bring to Penfield the author of the book chosen for “Rochester Reads,” its annual community-wide reading event. This year’s book, The Enchanted by Rene Denfeld, explores an unexpected enchanted world, a death row in an ancient stone prison. The author is a death penalty investigator who works with men and women facing execution. The Penfield Library will be hosting Ms. Denfeld for a talk about her book, with a reception immediately following, to give readers an opportunity to meet the author and purchase her book. This event takes place on Wednesday, March 29, at 7:00 PM and is sponsored by the Friends of Penfield Public Library and the Board of Trustees of Penfield Public Library. Registration is required and can be accomplished in person at the library, by visiting the website at www.penfieldlibrary.org, or by calling the library at (585) 340-8720.

Mark your calendar for the next opportunity to attend a passport night at the town hall which will be held on April 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. This program is sponsored by the Monroe County Clerk’s office in conjunction with the Town of Penfield. For additional dates, locations, and information please visit the Monroe County Clerk office web page at www2.monroecounty.gov - County Clerk.

For those who may not be aware, the Penfield Town Board held a public hearing on March 1 on a resolution proposing an extension to the moratorium on the prohibition of public golf course redevelopment (Shadow Pines and Shadow Lake). The board will be voting on this matter at the March 15 meeting. A moratorium extension will give the town and property owners more time to further discuss the options of sale of the property.

Last week, the Monroe County Supervisors’ Association held a press conference to challenge the governor’s proposal to hold back state aid if local governments did not develop and improve on shared services agreements and to have financial oversight rolled up to the county. Government closest to the people knows best how to manage local costs, in contrast to unfunded state mandates and state-level policies that force up the cost of local government across this state.

In Monroe County and surrounding counties we have been sharing services for decades—town-to-town, town-to-county, town-to-state, and county-to-county. The only person who thinks they have a new idea
is the governor and he does not have a clue! I recently found some old documents dating back to the mid-1970s showing that towns had shared services agreements in place. I see this current effort as a way to force a county-wide plan on each town, subject to a county-wide vote for providing town services, thereby depriving residents of each town the right to decide these matters for themselves.

Let’s not forget that this governor would like to see one big government and reduce or eliminate towns and villages. The governor would be better served by fixing state government and the waste that exists in Albany. On behalf of the Supervisors Association, we urge residents to contact their state senators and assembly members to urge them to oppose the governor’s local government proposal and to deal with the real causes of high property taxes in New York.

Until next week be well and be safe!

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