Mark your calendars for our annual “Living Next to Stormwater Ponds IV” presentation on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall auditorium. This marks the fourth straight year of programming to increase residents’ awareness of the function of stormwater ponds, including proper care and maintenance techniques to minimize issues like algae, erosion, weeds, invasive species and nuisance wildlife. The meeting will be hosted by Town Engineer Geoff Benway in conjunction with representatives from the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District. They will present information on green infrastructure practices to help residents manage stormwater and reduce water quality impacts. The program will also feature videos from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and a presentation on Penfield’s efforts to improve water quality, including an overview of the most recent stormwater regulations. This meeting will be recorded for download and playback on Penfield TV.

The Penfield Green Initiative, a group of Penfield residents who want to promote positive environmental action, will be hosting a program entitled “Controlling Pests Effectively and Safely” on Monday, March 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall auditorium. Lynn Braband and Brian Eshenaur, Extension Educators for the NYS Integrated Pest Management Program at Cornell University, will be on hand to discuss how you can eliminate pests in your home and garden without hurting the environment or your health and the health of your family and neighbors.

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming a lifeguard for a summer job? Please tell them about the Red Cross Certified lifeguard class through the Recreation Department. This program includes training in first aid, CPR and AED. It is recommended that you have a minimum of “Level 5” swimming skills to participate. For details on this program and many other aquatic wellness opportunities, log on to www.penfieldrec.org. The program begins March 21, so do not delay! The course number is #211240-A. Participants must attend all sessions and successfully complete all requirements to become a certified lifeguard.

The staff of the Penfield Library and the Friends of the Penfield Public Library asked me to remind families to join them during the April recess for some great events including the Lego lab, scrap art fun, Star Wars meet and greet, tales for tails and more. Please log on to www.penfieldlibrary.com for details and program offerings.

The fifth annual intergenerational fishing derby will be hosted by Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks along with the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau and Monroe County Office for the Aging on Friday, April 5 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Powder Mills Park, 154 Park Road, Pittsford, NY. The Intergenerational Fishing Derby provides an opportunity for youth to meet our community's senior citizens and enjoy a morning of fishing and fun. This free event allows students from all grade levels to take part in a friendly day of fishing while forming new friendships and learning about our environment from biologists of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Please contact Sean Delahanty at 585-753-6460 if you would like to pre-register, or arrive at 7:30 a.m. for check-in at the Powderhorn Lodge.

I have asked Jim Costello, Business Development Services Director, to guest-write the supervisor’s column next week to update residents on what’s new in our business districts. One of Jim’s many duties is to attract and retain a variety of businesses to support our community’s needs. Jim will highlight recent and current projects.

Fun and special dates in March: 14 is Pi Day; 17 is St. Patrick’s Day; 18 is Johnny Appleseed Day; 22 is National Goof-off Day; 25 begins Passover; 31 is Easter.

Until next week, I look forward to seeing you out in our great community!

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