It has been a while since I made note of the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf (PEFS). The PEFS, located in the basement of the First Baptist Church, has been active for more than 14 years serving the emergency and weekly fresh food needs of residents in the 14526 and 14625 portion of Penfield. As you can imagine, the needs have grown in light of the economy and so many people losing their jobs. We are fortunate that many individuals, churches, schools, clubs, scouts, and businesses support the PEFS with generous contributions of food, money, and volunteer time. If you are looking for a worthwhile organization to share groceries or a financial donation, please consider a donation to the Food Shelf. This is another great example of community helping community!

Here are some important dates to mark on your calendar and keep in mind as you plan your spring cleaning activities:

- **Saturday, April 9, 9 AM to Noon** - "Pick up the Parks" A partnership of Monroe County Parks and Sunnking Electronics Recycling. This includes Ellison Park in Penfield; drop off your electronics for recycling at no cost (televisions, VCRs, computers, and more). Contact Ryan Loysen at rloysen@monroecounty.gov or 585-753-7281

- **Saturday, April 16, 7:45 AM to Noon** - Monroe County Household Hazardous Waste Collection for Penfield/Webster at the Webster Highway Garage, 1005 Picture Parkway (by appointment for safety and convenience, 340-8710)

- **Saturday, May 7, 9 AM to Noon** - Penfield Clean-up Day (see pg 47 of PenRec brochure), meet at the Community Center and also a FREE electronics recycling drop off at the Highway Garage at 1607 Jackson Road (340-8655)

- **Thursday/Friday May 12 and 13, 9 AM to 7 PM** and **Saturday, May 14, 9 AM to 4 PM** - Penfield's annual Spring Drop-off at the Highway Garage, 1607 Jackson Road

*For ongoing details on these events and others, please follow above links or log on to [www.penfield.org](http://www.penfield.org).*

Recently all of the Town Offices have taken our office paper and other recycling programs to a new level. Working with Metrowaste, we have added additional totes at the Town Hall, Community Center, and the Parks/Facilities buildings to increase and expand the materials we recycle. This program will greatly reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill, while providing a small revenue stream back to the Town, reinforcing our good behavior of recycling. This is yet another small step on the journey of working towards zero waste from our operations.

The logical next question is... "When do we expect to reach zero waste?" While I may not have the answer to this question today, I will say we can never attain the goal unless we start working towards the goal! I am very excited with the interest and commitment from the Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee, challenging and encouraging us on all fronts to look at doing things differently and better than we ever thought possible. I encourage everyone as individuals, businesses, schools, and government to continue to look for ways to expand recycling programs in all aspect of your daily lives.

Recently the Town Comptroller provided the Town Board with an overview of the 2010 Annual Report that is required to be submitted to the State of New York, Office of the State Comptroller. I am happy to report that Penfield continues to maintain a very solid financial position that allows us to maintain our Aa2 bond rating, which is one of the top financial ratings not only in the County, but across the State.

I would like to congratulate Town Justice Jim Mulley for his efforts on securing a grant of $20,200 under the 2010 cycle of the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP). These funds will be used to update and improve the court room located at the Community Center with modern tools and equipment.

Until next week...Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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