Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

Week of March 14, 2016

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On behalf of the DPW, it is a privilege to be the Supervisor’s guest columnist and share seasonal information with Penfield residents.

This winter was certainly mild and pleasant compared to last year, giving us a chance to begin many seasonal projects earlier than in the past. Crews have already been out repairing sidewalk damage, trimming trees, and cleaning storm water drainage ponds and sewer systems. An added benefit of the mild winter is a 35 percent reduction in salt usage and a 50 percent reduction in overtime cost compared to last year. However, any future below-freezing temperatures we still require salting and safe driving behaviors.

Once the snow and ice are truly gone, usually in April, crews will be out doing more spring chores including filling potholes, restoring lawns damaged by Town plows, and verifying and repairing or replacing mailboxes damaged by our plows, not snow.

The warm weather will also bring many road construction projects. I’d like to highlight key activities for 2016 that will impact most members of our community. Much of the work will be done along Route 441. In all cases, expect delays, lane restrictions, and alternate routes.

In the spring, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) will lower the road and widen the intersection shoulders of Route 441 at Harris/Huber Roads to improve sight distance and safety. Utility poles will be relocated.

This summer, NYSDOT will continue road and bridge restoration on Route 441 from the Panorama Road Bridge to Linden Oaks intersection. NYSDOT will also widen the intersection and install turning lanes at the intersection of Route 441 at Salt/Carter Roads.

NYSDOT will also mill and repave the road surface of Panorama Trail south.

Our Penfield DPW will resurface Penfield Road from Route 441 to the Panorama Trail intersection.

We are also replacing the Veterans Memorial Playground equipment and the restoring the Philbrick Park Picnic area.

Please mark the following spring and summer community events on your calendar.

The Monroe County Department of Environmental Service (DES) and the Towns of Penfield, Webster and the Village of Webster will host an appointment-only Household Hazardous Waste collection at the Penfield DPW Garage, 1607 Jackson Road on Saturday, April 16 from 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Schedule your appointment and learn more at http://www.monroecounty.gov/hhw.

DPW will host its annual Spring Drop-off at the 1607 Jackson Road Facility on Friday, May 13, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Drop-off is for Penfield residents only. We will accept general household refuse, metals, concrete, brush, tree limbs, and tires. We will not accept TVs, computers, monitors, propane tanks, grass clippings, leaves, chemical drums, hazardous materials, gasoline, motor oil, paint or driveway sealer (see above Household Hazardous Waste collection for these materials).
Our annual Animal Control Rabies Clinic at the DPW Sewer Building, 1607 Jackson Road is June 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Please monitor the Highway Department’s project page at www.penfield.org for a listing of various drainage projects and roads that will receive preventive oil and stone maintenance this season.

As a reminder, we will establish work zone safety areas for all projects throughout the town. Please slow down and obey instructions to keep everyone safe.

Thank you and enjoy your summer!