Let’s Eat!

When Supervisor LaFountain asked me to guest-write this column I thought to myself, what should I write about? What would interest Penfield residents? I decided to write about the two things I know best—the town of Penfield and eating!

For those who haven’t noticed lately, Penfield is becoming a popular place to open a restaurant. In the last two years alone the town has approved 23 new eateries and has recently approved the reopening of a couple of Penfield’s favorite long-time dining establishments. Five more restaurants have been approved and proposed to open in 2013.

In all, 83 eateries in Penfield’s six commercial districts serve the culinary needs of 36,242 residents and countless visitors that make a pilgrimage from other communities to enjoy our endless variety of cuisine.

I am constantly asking restaurateurs why they choose to operate in Penfield. They tell me Penfield is their choice because it is a family-oriented community (that’s true, we are 92% residentially zoned). When I explain there isn’t a lot of late night activity in Penfield they are fine with that knowing they can expect steady business throughout the week.

I would like to use this column to express my gratitude to restaurant-owners for continuously showing their commitment to our community. They are asked to support every charitable and not-for-profit organization in town—and they do so proudly. They are asked to support every student fundraiser—and they do so without question. Restaurant-owners support our little league teams, youth soccer, youth lacrosse and other programs so numerous that there isn’t enough space to list here.

I urge you to get out and experience the Penfield restaurant scene; we are lucky to have a variety of cuisines at our finger tips and the tip of our tongues. Try a new cuisine, stop in “that place” you have been curious about, or invite a friend to dine with you in Penfield. With so many options you are guaranteed to find a favorite spot for breakfast, lunch, dinner or a special occasion. Your stomach will thank you and you will feel especially good supporting those who support our community every day.

Do you have a favorite Penfield restaurant? Tell me about it and I will pass along your “compliments to the chef.” Heck, you may even see me there checking it out.

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