In last week's column I made note of several dates for spring cleanup activities. Since that column ran, our hardworking and creative “website gremlins” have made some wonderful changes to our website and added a quick link for “The Great Penfield Spring Cleanup!” Please take a look by logging on to the home page of www.penfield.org for a link to all the events, activities, and resources available to you in the coming months.

I recently attended the Webster Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) 2011 annual awards dinner. You may ask, "Why attend the Webster program?" First and foremost, many of the volunteers are residents of our great town. Additionally, the WVFD provides support to Penfield on many fronts including mutual aid and first response. Incorporated in 1906, the WVFD is a dedicated group of men and women who provide tens of thousands of volunteer hours each year. I would like to congratulate Bryan Mason as the Top Responder of 2010 and Brad Ball as Firefighter of the Year.

In the past week I spent time with Steve Pellow, President of Penfield Little League (PLL) and Chairman & President of the Kids Miracle Making Club, Inc., to discuss the upcoming baseball season. The PLL boards of directors have a great lineup for 2011 including their annual cleanup day to be held Saturday, April 23; opening day April 30; and Heroes Day on Saturday, May 28 to recognize parents serving in the military. The Challenger program's opening day is Saturday, June 4. This year’s theme is “GIVING BACK!” Mark your calendars for all these events. If you would like more information log on to www.penfieldlittleleague.com.

I delivered my annual address to the Rotary Club this week, which included a potpourri of “State of the Town,” “Business Vitality,” and “what’s currently going on” across the community. It is always an honor to meet with the Penfield Club. Rotarians are the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary Club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto “Service Above Self.”

The Penfield Seniors held their annual corned beef and cabbage dinner last week at the Community Center, and I was fortunate to attend the activities. The food was wonderful, the opportunity to visit with the seniors is always a pleasure and very informative. I want to recognize and thank the Recreation Staff for their efforts in making this event special for all our seniors who attended…Pam, Steve, Chris, Laura, and Mike, great job guys!

Enviro-tip of the month…March 20-26th is National Poison Prevention Week. Protect children from accidental poisoning by household substances. Lock up household chemicals and pesticides in a high cabinet out of the reach of children. For more information and helpful tips on preventing poisoning in your home, visit http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/health/poisonprevention.htm.

Until next week, be well!

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