Last week I had the honor to be part of the Eastside Family Branch expansion ribbon cutting ceremony. This 34,000 square foot addition includes a beautiful new and renovated facility with a two-story youth and family gymnasium, a sports performance center, expanded community space for seniors, on-site physical therapy, a group exercise high-intensity studio, expanded wellness space for cardio-fitness and stretching, and designated program space for the Y’s signature chronic disease prevention initiatives. From the ground breaking event on June 26, 2014 until the official opening March 30, 2015, the staff of the Y and all their partners have completed a facility that will serve our community for generations to come. I encourage you to stop in to see what the Y can offer you and your family.

The next Penfield Heritage Association program entitled “Trash or Treasure?” is Sunday, April 19 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Braman Room at the Penfield Community Center. Bob Klein, a retired teacher and an Antique Appraiser, will be on hand to appraise some of those items you have in your attic or basement. There will be a table for your treasures, and depending on the number of items, Bob will select those which he will deem most interesting to appraise. Bob will precede his appraisal time with some general information on antiques. Come join the fun and learn a little bit more about the “trash or treasure” antiques you may have laying around your home. This program is free and refreshments will be served.

The Eastside Communities–Stop Hunger Now 2015 event will be held Friday, April 17 (2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.) and Saturday, April 18 (8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) at the Penfield Community Center. Interested volunteers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to benefit the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf. For more information, go to www.stophungernow.org.

One last reminder…the annual Penfield/Webster Household Hazardous Waste Collection is Saturday, April 18 from 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 1005 Picture Parkway, which is off Hard Road in Webster. This appointment-only service is provided by the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services (DES), and is for the towns of Penfield, Webster, and the Village of Webster only. For details on permitted materials or to make an online appointment go to http://www.monroecounty.gov/hhw or call Penfield DPW at 340-8710 through 3:00 p.m. Friday, April 17.

Watch for the 2015 summer edition of the PenRec Brochure that will appear in mail boxes this week. This 50-page booklet contains hundreds of wellness programs, special events, the amphitheater music schedule, and more! Registration begins May 4. Sign up online at www.penfieldrec.org.

Mark your calendars for more 2015 “Great Penfield Spring Cleanup” events: Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. to noon is the town-wide general cleanup and electric vehicle car show at the community center; and Friday/Saturday May 8 and 9 for spring drop-off at the DPW complex, 1607 Jackson Road. As we get closer to these dates watch for press releases and our website for more details.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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