Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

Week of April 7, 2014

I would like to recognize and thank Dave Ewell for his 20-plus years of dedicated service with the Town of Penfield as B-shift security, maintenance, and animal control response. Dave recently retired to enjoy the next chapter of his life of travel, time with grandchildren, and finishing projects around the home. Dave was a jack-of-all-trades and a key “go to” person after hours, which saved many overtime call-ins and helped to manage costs for our residents. Congratulations Dave, may your retirement be full of happiness and good health for many years to come!

I was honored to attend a recent Eagle Scout court of honor for three young men from Troop 260 located at St. Joseph’s Church. Over the last six months Penfield troops have produced 12 Eagle Scouts, which speaks highly of the young people involved, their leaders, and family members. The latest trio includes: Javier Perez, who organized and directed the “Run of Gratitude 5K and 1 Mile Family Run” held on June 1, 2013 to benefit St. Joseph’s School. The event drew 170 participants and raised funds to purchase a smart board for a first grade classroom and build two new benches for the playground at the school. Brian Crowley, whose project benefited St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality that was recently purchased the Dorothy Day House in Rochester. This special 12-unit home provides housing for men and women wrestling with homelessness, addiction, and other significant life challenges. Brian gathered donations, cleaned, and caulked, primed and painted the outside of the first floor of the house. Our third new Eagle Scout, Andrew Kurzweil, made enhancements to the Mary Beth Carey Memorial Garden located within the St. Joseph’s Church courtyard. This project involved fundraising, planning, designing, and building a gazebo for the garden, creating a covered space for all to enjoy. On behalf of the Penfield community, congratulations Javier, Brian, and Andrew on achieving the rank of Eagle. Your hard work and dedication to scouting is a benefit for many scouts who follow in your footsteps. You should be proud of your accomplishments.

The next “Passport Night in Penfield” is Tuesday, April 22, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the town hall auditorium. For more information please contact Town Clerk Amy Steklof at 340-8629 or go to www.penfield.org and click on the Town Clerk’s page and then ‘Passport Application Requirements.’

Last reminder...the next Penfield Trails Committee hike is this Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. to noon at Philbrick Park. This guided hike will follow the trail along Irondequoit Creek to see rapids, gentle falls, artifacts of some old mills, the kingpost bridge, fishermen in this famous trout stream, spring wildflowers, and much more. Come prepared for spring weather, sturdy waterproof footwear is recommended. Philbrick Park (formerly known as Linear Park) is located off Rt. 441 west of the Four Corners area. Follow the “hike” signs. The hike will start at the kiosk near the Washington Street Bridge. The hike is free; however, participants are asked to pre-register by calling the Penfield Recreation Office at 340-8655, option 6.

The Town Board proclaimed April 13-19 as National Libraries Week in Penfield. Residents of every age and interest are fortunate to have an outstanding team of library professionals who take pride in excellent customer service, outstanding programs, and demonstrate leadership in their field. Please take a moment to thank Bernadette Brinkman and her team for everything they do for the Penfield community.

Until next week, hang tight, spring is almost here!

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