As the weather gets nicer and days grow longer we begin to see companies and not-for-profit agencies in our neighborhoods going door-to-door hoping to sell services, share information or conduct surveys. First and foremost, if you are uncomfortable with the person(s) knocking at your door, please do not answer or let them into your home. If you are approached while out in your yard look for identification credentials around their neck or ask to see credentials. All reputable companies provide employees with photo identification. In addition, ask to see their solicitation permit issued by the Town of Penfield. Anyone selling services or materials is required to obtain a permit. The Town Clerk’s Office screens all vendors, performs background checks, and issues permits if all is in order. As always, if you ever have any concerns call 911 and the Sheriff’s Department will respond.

The town’s Animal Control Office will soon begin loaning have-a-heart traps to residents to help capture and relocate some of those pesky four-legged critters from under our porches, decks and gardens. Residents may borrow a trap for one week from the Animal Control Office (located at the Don Mack Building on Jackson Road) on Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. through November 1. A refundable $25 deposit is required. You will be asked to review and agree to the town’s trapping policy. Traps must be cleaned prior to return and should be in good working condition. All questions may be directed to Penfield Animal Control at 340-8616.

Do you have old paints, solvents, pesticides or other household hazardous wastes (HHW) on your shelves in your basement, garage or shed? Now is a great time to get them out of your way and disposed of safely. The Monroe County Department of Environmental Services and the towns of Penfield, Webster and the Village of Webster are hosting their annual HHW drop-off at the Webster Highway Garage, 1005 Picture Parkway on Saturday, April 20 from 7:45 a.m. to noon. Appointments are required. Please call to schedule at 340-8710 or visit www.monroecounty.gov/hhw.

This past week we opened the spring much pile for Penfield residents. The mulch pile is located on the west side of the Town Hall and can be accessed seven days a week. We will provide mulch until we have exhausted our supply. This material is made from limbs and branches dropped off at the Public Works Complex brush pile throughout the year. All the material is ground up in partnership with Monroe County. This process eliminates tons of material being dumped at the landfill and allows residents access to free mulched materials.

There is still time to participate in the Penfield Rotary Spring Charity Euchre Tournament that will take place on Sunday, April 14 at the Legacy, 40 Willow Pond Way. All proceeds will benefit Camp Haccamo. Check-in will be at 1:30 p.m. and start time is 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $25.00 at the door and many special prizes are at stake! For more details on this event please log on to www.penfieldrotary.org.

As the last of the snow has melted we begin to see debris and litter that has accumulated throughout town over the winter months. We are calling for volunteers to help clean up during “The Great Penfield Spring Cleanup” on Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We are looking for families, clubs, teams, groups and individuals to help with this annual effort to beautify our community. To register, please call Sabrina at 340-8651. Many hands make light labor; I hope to see you April 20th at the Community Center.

I would like to give a special shout out to Christine Wickert of Penfield who recently won top honors at the American Quilter’s Society show held March 13-16 in Lancaster, Pa. The name of Christine’s winning quilt is “Sampling the Silk Road.” Congratulations Christine!

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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