Town of Penfield Supervisor's Column
April 10, 2017

As the warm spring weather starts to move in, so does the start of construction season. You will see contractors along Route 250 continuing sidewalk installation from the second entrance of Harris Whalen Park to the Gymnastics Training Center. This will complete the sidewalks from Whalen Road to the intersection of Routes 250 and 441. The contractor will then move over to Empire Boulevard to extend sidewalks down to the bay.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 22 for the 5th annual “electric car show” at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. This year’s event will run from 1:00 to 4:30 PM. This show is free and open to the public. Electric cars from the following manufacturers will be on display: Chevy, Nissan, Ford, Mitsubishi, Tesla, Volkswagen, BMW, with perhaps a few more surprises.

The New York Electric Auto Association will give a presentation summarizing vehicles that are currently available, provide details around the Federal Tax Credit and the NYS Rebate Program for plug-in electric vehicles, and conduct a question and answer session for attendees. To participate, contact show organizer Bob Kanauer at 585.377.2783 or kanauer@frontiernet.net with your name, make, model and year of your vehicle.

Keep an eye on your mailbox for the Penfield Recreation Summer 2017 brochure that is due out the end of this week or early next week. The publication has a new look and design, so take a close look. Inside you will find all the wonderful programs we offer to residents of all ages. And remember, popular programs fill up quickly so don’t delay! Choose your favorites and be ready to register online beginning May 1.

The last Penfield Symphony Orchestra concert of the 2016-17 season will be held on Monday, May 1. The program, entitled “The Two Bs,” will feature the Jo Amish Young Artist Competition Winner. This concert is sponsored by Harris Beach PLLC, and the performance begins at 7:30 PM at the Penfield High School Auditorium. Free rides to concerts are available from Lifespan by calling 872-0774.

A prevention tip from our employee wellness team: studies show that walking is good for your bones, heart, mind, and weight. Walking also improves your mood and sleep. Experts recommend a program to reach 150 minutes of walking per week. Our employee walking challenge begins this week and will run for the next six weeks. Why not consider starting your own family walking challenge? It’s fun and healthy!

The Penfield Players’ 2017 spring melodrama is “The Red Velvet Cake War” written by Jamie Woolen, Jessie Jones, and Nicholas Hope, and directed by Jerry Argetsinger. Performances will be on stage at the Penfield Community Center at 8:00 PM on April 28 and 29, and May 5, 6, 12, and 13. A special matinee is scheduled for 2:00 PM on May 7. “The Red Velvet Cake War” is a hilarious comedy about three Texas women and the eccentric characters that swirl around them as they attempt to manipulate family, friends, and Texas society in their quest to finally bake the greatest red velvet cake in history. The Penfield Players are in their 52nd season of great performances, making them one of the oldest continuing theatre groups in the Rochester area.

Important dates and events in history: April 10, 1869 – The number of Supreme Court Justices is increased from 7 to 9; April 11, 1865 – President Lincoln gives his last speech to the nation – a speech of reconciliation; and on April 12, 1861 – Confederate forces begin an assault on Fort Sumter.

Until next week, enjoy the recent stretch of warm weather as we all think about our never-ending list of spring chores!

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