The Penfield Conservation Board, in conjunction with Woody Acres, will sponsor a tree giveaway on Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Penfield Community Center during the annual Penfield Spring Cleanup. This event invites families, neighbors, clubs, organizations, and individuals to help spruce up our great town after a long and cold winter. Penfield residents can choose from a variety of free tree seedlings to plant on their property. Come join us, it is a great community project!

The Penfield School District, Penfield Recreation, and the Eastside YMCA are working together to offer a "school's out" program for students in grades K-5 on Monday April 27. The program will run from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the drop-off location at Harris Whalen Park Indoor Lodge (off route 441 across from Wegmans). Children should bring their lunch, an afternoon snack will be provided. Register your child at www.penfieldrec.org and use course #212620-A. The fee is $25 per child.

Congratulations to the Penfield Public Library for being named the "Business of the Month" by the Penfield Business Association (PBA). The PBA is a business-focused organization dedicated to supporting the growth and success of its members and building business vitality throughout the community. For more information on the PBA and their recognition of the Penfield Library, please go to www.penfieldbusiness.org. Congratulations to Librarian Bunny Brinkman and her staff of this recognition. Thank you for all do for our community!

The Town of Penfield will hold the annual Memorial Day Essay Contest, sponsored by a generous donation from VFW Post 820. The contest is open to students in grades 6-8 who live in Penfield or attend a Penfield school, public or private. Information and the contest application is available at www.penfieldrec.org with an entry deadline of April 24. Winning essays will be read at the annual Memorial Day Ceremony of Remembrance on Monday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. at Veterans' Memorial Park.

The Penfield Symphony Orchestra’s last concert of the season, Springtime Celebration, is Monday, May 4 at the Penfield High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at all Wegmans stores, by calling 872-0774, or at the door. Free rides to the concert are available from Lifespan by calling 872-0774. For more information regarding this concert, the PSO and the 2015-2016 concert series, please go to www.penfieldsymphony.org.

You may have seen the recent demolition of the former Roadhouse Grill in Panorama Plaza between Burger King and the Hess Gasoline Station. A new building will be constructed this summer for Auto Zone Parts and Accessories. They anticipate opening in the early fall of 2015.

In next week’s column I will highlight in more detail construction activities that will be taking place in the various business districts in Penfield.

Until next week enjoy the milder weather!

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