The Penfield Rotary Club held its third annual “Service Above Self Recognition” luncheon this past week to recognize individuals in our community who excel at serving others and aspire to high ethical standards. The honorees were: Darrek Brantley/Advantage FCU, Lisa DeClerck/Eastside Y, Susan Kummer/Penfield Central Schools, John Bernhard/Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf, the Staff of the Penfield Public Library, Bonnie Sunderville/Penfield Sport & Fitness, Mary Malone/St. Joseph’s Elementary School, Michele Scarlata/Town of Penfield, Tracy Schuhmacher/Wickham Farms, Katie Schell/Don’s Original Restaurant & Pub, and Steve DeVries/Family First of NY Federal Credit Union. Congratulations to all of the honorees; the work they perform each and every day to support their businesses and customers is a benchmark for all of us!

Mark your calendar for “Civil War Day” on Saturday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. Activities will include Civil War artifacts to see and touch, a storytelling performance of “Children of the Civil War” by the Genesee Storytellers, letter writing to soldiers along with examples of actual Civil War letters, re-enactors, bugle calls, flag signals, soldiers camp, genealogy, a travelogue of some Civil War sites, and much more! The event is free and pre-registration is not required. Find complete details and lecture times at www.penfieldrec.org.

If you travel Rt. 441 you may have noticed that road construction is underway opposite Liberty Street. This is the completion of Mott’s Lane extension that has been in the works for more than four years. The last piece of property was acquired, allowing us to obtain our NYS Department of Transportation permit and begin construction. Once completed, Mott’s Lane will wrap around behind the businesses in this area and provide access out to Five Mile Line Road. Construction wrap up by the end of June.

Our annual appointment-only Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off at the DPW Complex, 1607 Jackson Road is Saturday, April 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to clean out all your old paints, lawn and garden chemicals, cleaning products, and more. These materials should not be thrown in your weekly trash collection, dumped down your house drain, outside catch basin, or yard inlet. Please call 340-8710 to schedule your appointment, and thank you in advance for being environmentally responsible. Find details on this service at www.monroecounty.gov/des-hhw.php.

Where can you go to have a fantastic pancake breakfast, help clean up our great community, and take in an electric car show? Well, on Saturday, May 3 you can do all this and more at the Penfield Community center! The “Great Penfield Spring Cleanup 2014” kicks off with Boy Scout Troop #310 hosting a pancake breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the door. Then you can join hundreds of our residents to help pick up litter and winter debris throughout the town or choose a beautification project of your own. Learn about local watersheds and sign up for the rain barrel seminar sponsored by the Monroe County Stormwater Coalition by calling 340-8651. Finally, visit the displays and the various vehicles on hand for the third annual electric car show that will be located in the parking lot on the library side of the Community Center. I hope to see you there!

Until next week, enjoy what looks to be spring...finally!