Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column  
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The New York State Department of Transportation has awarded a construction contract on a $4 million project to rehabilitate Empire Boulevard (also known as State Routes 941B and 404) between Helendale Road in the town of Irondequoit and Gravel Road in the town of Webster. The project, which includes the resurfacing of the road and the addition of new turning lanes and pedestrian accommodations, will improve driving conditions along this busy thoroughfare that stretches through the town of Penfield and serves a busy commercial corridor in our community.

In addition to resurfacing the road, the project will add pavement markings and turning lanes at key locations to improve traffic flow and enhance safety. These include a center, two-way left turn lane between Plank Road and the Bay/Creek Street intersection and a new left turn lane for westbound traffic turning onto Plank Road. Construction will soon be underway and is expected to last through the fall. Motorists are reminded that fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone. In accordance with the Work Zone Safety Act of 2005, convictions of two or more speeding violations in a work zone could result in the suspension of an individual’s driver’s license.

The Penfield Players is a non-profit community theater organization sponsored by the Penfield Recreation Department. The group is in its 53rd season of providing an entertaining, welcoming, and intimate theater experience for its ensemble and audience members. They are currently getting ready for the spring melodrama entitled Peril on the High Seas, or Let’s Get Together and Do Launch by Billy St. John.

All aboard the H.M.S. Majestic for a riotous adventure in this full length melodrama set in the Roaring Twenties! Little does our heroine, the heiress Merry Ann Sweet, know that she is the intended victim of the villainous Snively Swine’s kidnapping plot. With his partner, the slinky and exotic Aracnia Webb, Swine disguises himself as Sir Reginald Rottentot, a British nobleman, in order to gain the confidence of Merry and her flapper friends, Mitzi, Ritzy, and Ditzy. But Merry falls for the handsome waiter, Cary de Mille. Poor Cary - he loves Merry, too, but ship’s policy says he can’t get involved with a passenger. Must these two ships pass in the night? Not if Merry’s flapper friends can help it! Together, they transform Merry from a shy young lady into a red-hot jazz baby. Meanwhile, Swine launches his kidnap scheme. It’s sink or swim for Cary. Can he save Merry and stay out of Aracnia’s clutches? It’s up to the passengers - movie star Mary Pickaxe, gossip columnist Hedda Hoper, detective Willy Ketchum and more - to help Cary put the damper on Swine.

Performances will be held at 8:00 PM Friday and Saturday April 26, 27 and May 3,4,10, 11. There will be a Sunday matinee at 2:00 PM on May 5. All performances will be held at the Penfield Community Center (1985 Baird Road) and tickets can be purchased online at www.penfieldrec.org. You may sign in or if you do not have a login, click "Browse Tickets," select a performance, and then follow the prompts. Tickets will be held at the door (will call) of the Penfield Community Center. Ticket pre-sales online for $12.00 will stop at 4:00 PM on Friday for that weekend’s show. Tickets are $15.00 at the door. You may also purchase tickets by phone at 340-8655 between 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Mark your calendars for the opening day of Penfield Little League, scheduled for Saturday, April 27 starting at 9:00 AM. This annual event attracts several thousand baseball and softball players and their families and, in my mind, truly represents the arrival of spring. While I will remain optimistic, a rain date is scheduled for Sunday, April 28 if the weather on the 27th is wet, I hope to see you there...play ball!

The Penfield Recreation Department will be holding a Bike Safe Workshop for kids on Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. This workshop is for children ages 8 to 14. This workshop is a great way to get ready for National Bike Month, which begins May 1. Biking is a great way to stay in
shape, enjoy the great outdoors and the beautiful Penfield community, save money on gas, and reduce pollution. In this three-hour course kids will learn important bike safety skills through on- and off-bike lessons, including bike basics, proper helmet usage, pre-biking safety checks, rules of riding, rules of the road, hand signals, and more. Fun games will be included to help with skill mastery.

The fee for this program is $15.00 per student and the program is open to residents and non-residents of Penfield. Participants must register through Penfield Recreation at webtrac.penfield.org, or at the Penfield Recreation office at Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. For questions or more information, please call Penfield Recreation at 340-8655, option 0.

Until next week, please be well and be safe!

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