The latest PEN-REC summer 2010 recreation brochure is “hot” off the press and full of wonderful programs, parks and library information, and the amphitheater schedule. This 50-page booklet lists the entire calendar of events from mid-April till year-end. Registration begins May 3; don’t delay, the summer programs fill up quickly!

Please note that the back cover of the brochure provides information on “Spring Drop-Off 2010.” In the past we would print and mail a postcard to all residents at a cost of more than $4000.00 per event (spring and fall). As part of our effort to reduce costs and be more environmental friendly, we have decided not to mail postcards. Instead we have incorporated this information in the recreation brochure. Please clip and post the info where you will see it as a reminder of the May 12–May 15 event at our Highway Garage.

Please note that no computers or monitors will be accepted at the drop-off. Alternatives to keep these items out of our landfills include: The 2nd annual Flower City Habitat for Humanity electronics recycling event Saturday April 24 at the Penfield Highway Garage from 9AM – 1PM. A small donation is required to drop these items off. At any time you may drop off computers, monitors, and other computer related equipment to any Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI) drop off center at NO cost and receive a tax deduction. Find locations in and around Penfield at www.abvi-goodwill.org and click on Goodwill Stores.

Road work that has been mentioned at recent Town Board meetings and through this newspaper will start to impact Penfield this coming week. The Panorama Trail project has message board signs in place alerting residents and drivers to the work that will have begun about the time you are reading this column. This project will last for about four to five weeks.

Additionally, work has begun on Whitney Road in Perinton and will proceed to Five Mile Line Road over the next month. The entire stretch of Five Mile Line Road from the Perinton Town Line to Ridge Road in Webster will be completed before July 4.

There will be delays and inconveniences during this construction, please be patient and respect the safety of all the workers…thank you in advance for your understanding.

The Town has more than 100 ponds that we monitor, maintain, and in some cases, mow. Developers are quick to sell lots on these ponds at a premium when they are newly constructed and look pristine. However, over time as algae, cat-tails, vegetation, and mosquitoes take over; homeowners do not see their lots as premium, but rather an unattractive nuisance. While there is no one easy fix or solution, there is a need for the town and homeowners to be educated and to have dialog on the issues and potential solutions to this very important topic.

The Town Board has scheduled a public information meeting entitled “Living Next to Stormwater Ponds.” Penfield residents are invited to this community presentation on Monday, April 26 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. This meeting will be co-hosted by the Town of Penfield and the Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Lastly, as the nice weather continues and the days get longer, more and more residents and their children are spending time walking and riding their bikes. Please drive safely and within the speed limit through our subdivisions to help ensure no pedestrian struck accidents…thank you!

I look forward to seeing you around our great community.

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