Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
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There have been several reports from residents hiking at Shadow Pines of dirt bikes/motorcycles riding throughout the former back nine of the property. Motorcycles and four wheels are not permitted on any town property. The Monroe County Sheriff’s Office has been notified of this concern and those hiking the property are asked to call 911 to report with a description of bikes and individuals. We are concerned for the safety of hikers and we are also concerned about damage caused by a few misguided individuals. Anyone caught violating this restriction will be issued the appropriate tickets and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

At the last town board meeting, the board set a public hearing for May 15 to hear public comments on the final draft report of the Penfield Five-year Recreation & Parks Master Plan Update. This citizen driven plan is updated every five years to help establish a clear direction to guide staff, committees, and elected officials in their efforts to enhance the community’s parks and recreation programs. It provides information to help identify facilities and resources that are needed to meet the town’s short-term goals while providing a long-term foundation for future generations. Additionally, this master plan is a key reference document that will influence the Town of Penfield’s broader 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update. The plan is available at the Recreation Department, Penfield Public Library, town hall, and will soon be online for your review. We welcome any and all comments at the public hearing.

Last week, the Shadow Pines Land Use Advisory Committee submitted its “final report” to the town board. This twelve-member committee worked for more than seven months to prepare this document. They held a public information meeting, brought in different groups and organizations to discuss needs and interests, and reviewed hundreds of written comments via email from our residents. I would like to recognize and thank those residents for making the commitment to prepare this plan. Over the next several months the town board will review the plan and look to hold a public hearing in the early fall. This report will also be a key reference document that will influence the Town of Penfield’s broader 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Final construction of the solar project adjacent to the DPW Facility on Jackson Road has been completed and accepted for permission to operate by RG&E. The goal of this facility is to generate approximately 75% of the total electric used for the town hall, DPW, and community center facilities. We are working to set up information on the town’s website to share updates on generation as compared to usage for residents to view. Stay tuned.

The last Penfield Symphony Orchestra concert of the 2018-2019 season will be held on Monday, May 6 at 7:30 PM at the Penfield High School Auditorium. This concert entitled “Winners and Pictures” is sponsored by Harris Beach PLLC and will feature the Jo Amish Young Artist Competition winner. For more information on this concert and the PSO, please go to www.penfieldsymphony.org or follow them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/penfieldsymphonyorchestra/.

A reminder of several events coming up in Penfield this weekend: First, the Town of Penfield will host an electric car show Saturday, April 27, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. The show is free and open to the public. All enthusiasts are invited to participate and register for the event at https://driveelectricearthday.org/event.php?eventid=1712. Next, also on April 27, is the annual opening day of Penfield Little League that begins at 9:00 AM with the traditional parade followed by an opening welcome, comments, and the familiar call of “play ball!” I hope to see you at these community events.

Until next week, enjoy the start of the spring weather!

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