Supervisor’s Column
Week of April 23, 2012

Our friends from the Penfield American Legion Braman Post 1229, located at 1707 Old Penfield Road, will be hosting their annual fund raising “flea market” on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is the Legion’s only fundraiser to help them keep operating and donating to other community charities.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation’s largest veteran service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security and continued devotion to fellow service members and veterans. The American Legion’s success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives. Please stop by the flea market, I understand there are many treasures to be found at this very worthwhile event!

The next several components of the “Great Penfield Spring Cleanup” are scheduled for this Saturday, April 28. Penfield Cleanup Day runs 9:00 a.m. to noon. Individuals and groups will be picking up roadsides, parks and other areas that have collected litter and debris over the winter months. Meet at the Community Center by 9:00 a.m. to receive garbage bags and information for those areas to be picked up. Electronics recycling and secure document destruction run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Highway Garage, 1607 Jackson Road. Both of these events are FREE and give residents an opportunity to recycle unwanted electronics, protect themselves from identity theft, and reduce waste going to landfills. See all details at www.penfield.org and choose “The Great Penfield Cleanup” in the quick links box.

And that’s not all—as I briefly mentioned in last week’s column, also on Saturday, April 28 at 11:30 a.m., the Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC) of the Town and the Town Board will host a ribbon-cutting for the first public electric car charging station in Monroe County, located at the Community Center. This innovative pilot incorporates sustainable practices into its operations and encourages sustainable practices in the community. The project was the idea of Bob Kanauer, an electrical engineer who is a member of Penfield’s Conservation Board and EEAC. Bob is also the owner of LTHS Solar in Penfield. The result of this collaboration is a free public charging station for electric cars like the Chevy Volt, Nissan Leaf and soon to be released Ford Focus electric car. Members of the local electric car club will be on hand with a variety of vehicles to share information and answer questions. This project, as well as the solar powered pump station completed last December, will be monitored and used as stepping stones towards more ambitious use of renewable energy at Town facilities.

On behalf of the Town Board and entire Penfield community, I would like to congratulate Jim Costello, our Director of Business Development Services, and the other 12 local employees from various businesses and community groups in town for being recognized by the Penfield Rotary Club for its “Service Above Self” recognition of employees who provide “great service” to their customers each and every day. This year’s program is sponsored by Paychex and Fairport Savings Bank. I understand that based on the feedback Penfield Rotary has received on this program, the group would like to make it a special annual event for Penfield’s businesses and professional leaders.

Important dates and events in history: April 30, 1789 – George Washington is sworn in as the 1st president of the United States.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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