Last Saturday the weather was cool and the sun struggled to come out. That didn’t interfere with the excitement in the air across the entire Veterans’ Park complex at the Town Hall as close to 1,000 boys and girls came together for the opening day and 60th anniversary celebration of Penfield Little League. I have had the honor over the years to attend more than half of these very special opening ceremonies to support our youth and great national past-time. Rose’s Café was in full cooking mode ready to serve up hot dogs, pizza rolls, snacks and drinks for another exciting season. New stairs have been installed as an Eagle Scout project that will help everyone safely traverse from one level to another, and the town has been working with Penfield Little League to install newly expanded paved walkways. Opening day would not have been complete without the familiar “play ball!” echoing from the PA system across the complex. In my mind, spring has finally arrived and I am looking forward to many innings of great baseball from all our youth playing in 2012…good luck teams!

Last week I had the honor of attending a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Don’s Original for Marbles4MS. Marbles for MS is the idea of Connor Grossman. Connor is sort of a big picture guy who one day came up with an idea to raise money to help his mother who suffers from the debilitating disease Multiple Sclerosis. Connor wanted to sell his artwork to help find a cure to fix his mom and everyone with MS. Connor and his brother Jackson have raised more than $40,000 to help fight the disease. This is an amazing story. The boys make paintings by placing paper in the bottom of a cigar box. They dip marbles into paint and then place them into the box one at a time. They then close the lid and shake like crazy. The result is magical, colorful artwork they have sold in every state and around the world. For more information about this wonderful local project, log on at [www.marbles4ms.org](http://www.marbles4ms.org) and follow the story of two special kids who paint to raise awareness and fix their mom.

Several months ago I wrote about the passing of Lois Vane. She and her husband Norm owned DS George Nurseries in Penfield where they grew many varieties of clematis, which happens to be the official flower of the Town of Penfield so designated in March, 1973. I am sad to report that Norm passed away last week one week prior to his 93rd birthday. Both Norm and Lois are part of the great agricultural fabric of this great community. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

The Town Board recently attended the Penfield Fire Commission’s Annual Inspection of the Penfield Fire Company. I am always so honored to spend time with this group of men and women who each and every year volunteer tens of thousands of hours to serve and protect Penfield. From fires to flooded basements, HAZMAT incidents to emergency medical services, these individuals give of themselves to keep our residents safe. On behalf of the entire community of Penfield…thank you for your service!

If you would like to support Penfield’s Community Victory Garden, the committee, along with the help of Girl Scout Troop 60732, will hold a bottle and can drive this Saturday, May 5 at the Penfield Community Center from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring all your returnable bottles and cans (including water bottles) and they will return them for you. All proceeds will benefit the all-volunteer Community Victory Garden located at 1747 Five Mile Line Road.

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Now that you have disposed of all your household hazardous wastes and unwanted electronics, and you have also taken care of destroying your secure documents, it is time to clean out the rest of the basement and garage. The Town of Penfield’s spring drop-off will run May 10 to 12 at the Penfield Public Works Complex, 1607 Jackson Road. Hours are Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Until next week, I look forward to seeing you out and about in this great community.

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