Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

Week of May 2, 2016

At the annual State New York State Recreation and Park Society (NYSRPS) Conference on April 17 Penfield Recreation Assistant Director Linanne Conroy was recognized with the 2016 Distinguished Service Award. This is the most prestigious award given by the NYSRPS. To receive this honor the nominee must have made significant contributions, over a period of ten years or more, to NYSRPS and their local district/affiliate. Linanne has served on numerous boards and committees at the state and local level, and she has dedicated countless hours to enhancing the recreation profession through NYSRPS. Linanne has worked for the Town of Penfield for more than 28 years.

Penfield resident Nels Carman received the Distinguished Citizen Award at that same conference. The award recognizes his dedication to the Recreation Department as well as his contributions to the Recreation field. Nels is involved with the department in many program areas; he is currently the chair to the volunteer-based Trails Committee, and has long coordinated the Penfield Rotary Band and its monthly performances at the Community Center. Nels is also an instructor for the Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR) program providing lectures on a wide range of educational topics. He is a truly valued Penfield resident supporting our many wonderful Recreation programs.

On behalf of the Town Board and all our residents, I want to congratulate and thank both Linanne and Nels for their efforts and ongoing enthusiasm for providing excellent recreational opportunities for Penfield residents.

I meet monthly with the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department to share and review current activity in our town. At our last meeting I was asked to remind residents to lock all vehicles. Sheriffs have seen an increase in vehicle break-ins, and in many cases the vehicles were left unlocked in driveways, shopping areas, parks, and sports facilities.

Locking your vehicle, even if you are gone for only a few moments, significantly lowers your risk of becoming a victim. However, if your car is locked but valuables are in plain sight you are more likely to become a victim. Many people use a blanket or coat to hide a purse, laptop or other valuables. While you may not see the items, the “bad guys” know there is a high possibility of hidden valuables and they are willing to break a window to check it out.

Last, do not wait to place your purse or valuables in the trunk of your car just before you are running into the fitness club or taking a walk at your favorite park—the bad guys lie in wait for this to happen and then quickly pop the trunk. Let’s not give the “bad guys” an excuse to ruin your day...lock your vehicles at all times and stash valuables out of sight in your trunk before you leave home.

As spring is trying hard to arrive I am starting to see many of our farm and garden markets open up fully stocked with yard and garden products. These businesses play an important role in our community’s overall economic health. I encourage all residents to shop locally and support these wonderful businesses, many of which are generations old. Healthy businesses help make a healthy community! Thank you in advance for supporting all of our Penfield businesses.

I want to close with this important date and event in history...May 4 is observed as National Teachers Day. The many women and men across our community and nation who dedicate their lives to make a positive impact on our children and grandchildren should not go unrecognized. Teachers spend countless hours teaching, challenging, and developing young people who are our future. To all the teachers and their assistants in our community, thank you for all you do each and every day!

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