Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
May 7, 2018

Please note and plan ahead…Monroe County’s mobile DMV, normally scheduled for Tuesdays at the Penfield Town Hall, is cancelled for Tuesday May 22 due to assessment “grievance day” reviews. Normal DMV services will resume on Tuesday, May 29. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

If you have signed up for the 4th annual Terry Rothfuss Memorial “Good Neighbor Day” to be held on Saturday, May 19 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, thank you! If you have not had a chance to do so, we are still looking for volunteers to do light yard work and spring cleanup to help out seniors, veterans, or those who are disabled. We need volunteers of all ages, so bring the whole family to this wonderful event. Come and join “Terry’s Team” to help your neighbors! Volunteers are asked to meet at the Rothfuss Farm, 1865 Salt Road, at 8:00 AM for coffee and to pick up their assignments. For complete details, visit www.penfieldrec.org or call 340-8651 to sign up today. Once again, thank you in advance for supporting this very worthwhile community event.

The Town of Penfield’s Spring Drop-off will run Friday, May 18 (7:30 AM to 5:00 PM) and Saturday, May 19 (9:00 AM to 3:00 PM) at the Public Works Complex, 1607 Jackson Road. This service is for Penfield residents only. Proof of residency will be checked at the gate.

MATERIALS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED: HOUSEHOLD items furniture, appliances (including refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners), lawn mowers (fluids drained), car tires (limit four), vehicle batteries, broken concrete, and brush.

MATERIALS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED: HOUSEHOLD electronics (including TVs, computers, monitors, printers/copiers), propane tanks, grass clippings, leaves, chemical drums, hazardous materials, gasoline, motor oil, paint, and driveway sealer. For items of this nature and more, see Monroe County Ecopark “locator” at http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark.

If you are in the Four Corners over the next week to 10 days (weather dependent) you will see our DPW crews milling and paving the parking lot on the southeast corner to provide additional and more efficient parking for residents visiting the businesses in the area. Thank you in advance for the short disruption.

Bri-Pen Senior Rides has now been up and running for one year. To date, many residents have taken advantage of this service. This volunteer transportation service for medical appointments and religious services has been a wonderful alternative for many residents. Who is eligible? Seniors ages 65+ who live within Brighton or Penfield townships or pay taxes to either district. Clients must be ambulatory and they must schedule a ride at least five business days prior to their appointment (rides are provided only within Monroe County). For more information or to schedule a ride, please call 340-8674.

I have recently been asked about the number of streetlights out across the town. We have 700+ street lights throughout our community. On any given week we may receive three to five reports of lights out or dawn to dusk sensors not properly cycling. Recent winds have caused a higher than normal number of light failures. Our contractor is now working on more than 53 outages across the town and looks to have them all up and running over the next week or two. To report a streetlight outage, please go to www.penfield.org and type “streetlights” in the search box in the bottom left corner of the home page; that will bring you to the DPW page where you can click on “report a street light outage.” Thank you in advance for helping to make our intersections a safe as possible.

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has reminded me that this week, May 6 to 12, is International Compost Awareness Week. The goal of the week is to raise public awareness of the benefits of using
compost to improve or maintain high quality soil, grow healthy plants, reduce the use of fertilizer and pesticides, improve water quality, and protect the environment. They encourage you to take this week to recognize New York State's growing compost industry and the numerous benefits compost brings to our landscape. Go to http://www.compostfoundation.org/icaw for details.

Important dates and events in history: May 8, 1792 – The United States Military Draft is established; May 8, 1794 – The United States Post Office is established; May 9, 1689 – Britain declares war on France; May 10, 1775 – American Forces take the British fort at Ticonderoga, NY.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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