Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

May 8, 2017

Many residents and visitors passing through the Four Corners in recent weeks have called to ask why the town clock in Schaufelberger Park is not working and if it will be repaired. Unfortunately, the clock’s electronic computer system was damaged in the March windstorm. Our maintenance staff attempted to make repairs with guidance from the manufacturer, but we soon learned there was more damage than originally thought. Now we are waiting for a technician from the manufacturer to identify the broken parts, order replacements, and make repairs. We are all eager to see the clock running smoothly again. Thank you for your concern and understanding!

Last week, council members Linda Kohl, Paula Metzler, and I attended the Mary Cariola groundbreaking ceremony for their newest home in Penfield located at the intersection of State and Jackson Roads. Mary Cariola has operated a home on Browncroft Boulevard in Penfield for more than 38 years. The Browncroft site was a retrofit of an existing home and provided residents with a wonderful care setting for those years. However, limited space, increased traffic, and important infrastructure requirements made it necessary to look for a new location to best meet the current needs of residents.

We are delighted that Mary Cariola was able to find a site in Penfield to build a new home. For more information about the Mary Cariola organization and the great things they do to provide education and life-skill solutions for individuals with complex disabilities, please go to www.marycariola.org.

Bri-Pen Senior Rides is now up and running for their second week. To date, many residents have taken advantage of this volunteer transportation service for medical appointments and religious services. 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 within Monroe County only. For more information or to schedule a ride, please call 340-8674.

REMINDER: Please plan ahead...Monroe County’s mobile DMV normally scheduled for Tuesdays at the Penfield Town Hall is cancelled for Tuesday, May 23 due to “grievance day” reviews in the town hall auditorium. Normal DMV services will resume on Tuesday, May 30. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

If you have signed up for the third annual Terry Rothfuss Memorial “Good Neighbor Day” on Saturday, May 20, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, thank you for participating! If you are curious or have not yet had a chance to sign up, we are still looking for volunteers for this wonderful community event. This program is intended to help out seniors, veterans, or those who are disabled, with light yard work and spring cleanup. We need volunteers of all ages, so bring the whole family. 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. Once again, thank you in advance for supporting this very worthwhile community event.

I close this week’s column recognizing the life of Richard H. “Dick” Vendel. He was a son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. I had the honor of knowing and working with Dick during his more than 28 years of service to the Town of Penfield before he retired from the highway department. After retirement, Dick continued to serve our community as a member of the town’s Watershed Management Committee. In this role, Dick shared his vast knowledge of watersheds, drainage ways, and encyclopedic understanding of the drainage history of Penfield. If you were fortunate to have known or interacted with Dick you knew he was a true gentleman in all he did. Our hearts are heavy with his loss and our thoughts are with his family.

Until next week, please consider performing a random act of kindness for a family member, friend, neighbor, or stranger—you will be amazed at the difference it will make!

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