Spring Drop-off 2010 begins this week! When? It begins May 12 and runs through Saturday May 15. Where? At the Penfield Highway Garage, 1607 Jackson Road. What is accepted? Household items, furniture, appliances, tires (limit 4), broken concrete, vehicle batteries, and brush. What is not accepted? Computers, propane tanks, leaves and grass clippings, chemical drums, gasoline, oil, paint, and driveway sealer.

This is a great way to complete your spring cleaning of the house, garage, deck, and storage shed. As always, common sense is appreciated with the materials dropped off. Our Highway crew will be separating materials so we may recycle as much as possible to minimize TVs, metals, and tires headed to the landfill.

Please consider volunteer outlets that accept items for donations, giving you a tax write-off. The Habitat for Humanity “Restore” accepts gently-used cabinets, doors, appliances, tile, furniture, tools, lighting, HVAC, windows, sinks and toilets, flooring, and more!

On Arbor Day we planted the Bicentennial Tree at the Town Hall adjacent to the Dolomite Lodge. The 2004 “Sunset Red Maple” official Town of Penfield tree was graciously donated by Grossmans Garden & Home. The Town Board thanks Larry and Frances Grossman for their support of Penfield and the Bicentennial.

The annual Seniors’ Spring Picnic was held last week. This event is always a hit and brings in a record number of residents for great food, lots of laughs, great music and dancing, and this year we included a casino. Millions of “dollars” were spread throughout the gym at the Community Center, and when I left I could hear the hooting and hollering all the way to the parking lot. This was a wonderful event coordinated by the Town’s Recreation Staff - great job all; the picnic was a big hit!

The Town Board had an opportunity to march with over 1,100 of the best baseball and softball players in the area as Penfield Little League kicked off their opening day May 1. The weather was perfect, the fields are the best I have ever seen, the park was filled with excitement, and all the boys and girls were ready for the famous “play ball!”

The Town of Penfield and the Penfield Little League have enjoyed a long partnership that has seen the development of the program and facilities that are second to none outside of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Best wishes to all of our ball players for a safe and successful season.

I have been asked several times over the last week for a status update of the Commission Ditch clean up. I am happy to report we have completed two-thirds of the project. As you may recall, the total length of ditch to be cleaned is approximately 35,000 linear feet. To date, we have cleaned more than 23,500 linear feet. The early and warm spring has contributed to our great progress.

The entire Town Board had the honor of attending the Penfield Fire District Annual Dinner last week. This 72 member all volunteer department responds to incidents across the town day and night, logging thousands of hours each year to ensure protection of our life and property. The Penfield Fire District has served our Community since 1841.

On behalf of the Town Board, it is with great pleasure that I announce that this week’s candidate for the Penfield Wall of Fame is all past and present members of the Penfield Fire District. Thank you for everything you do to keep Penfield and our residents safe.

I look forward to seeing you out in the community.

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