Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

May 13, 2019

If by chance you have not seen or heard, the County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo declared a State of Emergency for several waterways due to the high lake levels. Speed limit for all boat traffic is restricted to 5 MPH within 500 feet of the Lake Ontario shoreline in Monroe County, and in addition to the entirety of Irondequoit Bay, Braddock’s Bay and the Genesee River. The order effectively creates a “no wake zone” for these waterways to help minimize damage to shoreline properties and businesses from the high water levels along the lake. Penfield has a very small shoreline on the bay as compared to the towns of Irondequoit and Webster.

The current lake level is less than a foot from the 2017 high water level and the level will continue to rise over the next several weeks. The Monroe County’s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has coordinated sandbag delivery and filling operations in areas that have already begun to flood. Residents with requests, questions or concerns should contact their local town for a response and we will coordinate with the Monroe County OEM to fulfill those requests.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Terry Rothfuss Memorial “Good Neighbor Day”! One hundred twenty individuals came together Saturday morning and visited 21 properties to perform yard work and spring clean-up that included raking out flower beds, planting flowers, repairing lawn damage, spreading mulch and much more. This effort helped to carry on Terry’s legacy of friendship by continuing to help members of the community and to inspire others to do the same. A special shout out to the Rothfuss family for hosting all of the workers for light refreshments before beginning the clean-up and for Sabrina Renner from our Recreation Department who helped coordinate matching workers with neighbors who needed assistance. It was a beautiful day all around, the weather was perfect and the reward for everyone participating was priceless!

The Memorial Day Ceremony of Remembrance to be held on Monday May 27 at 10:30AM is fast approaching. If you, a member of your family or your organization would like to present a rose in the “Presentation of Roses” to honor men and women who have served our country, please register by calling 340-8651 or email srenner@penfield.org. If honoring a specific person, when registering please provide the name of the person, military branch, rank, years served and if the person is living or deceased. The town will provide the roses at no cost to any participant. Thank you in advance and we look forward to sharing the day with you.

The 2020 budget process for the town is officially kicked-off and all department heads are working on their first draft for submission by early June. The Comptroller and myself will be meeting with all departments during the month of July and then with the Town Board. As we hit various milestones during the process, I will update our residents via this column and through supervisor messages at www.penfield.org.

Next week I will highlight the exciting line-up planned at the Penfield Amphitheater beginning on Friday June 7 with Music & Food Truck Rodeo featuring the Penfield School District Bands from 4:40 – 8:00PM. Windows up at 4:00PM with a wonderful variety of popular food trucks. The Penfield Amphitheater and Kiwanis Stage is located behind the Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Ave.

Reminder for this Friday/Saturday…the DPW is hosting its annual Spring Drop-off at the 1607 Jackson Road Facility on Friday, May 17, 7:30AM to 5:00PM and Saturday, May 18, 9:00AM to 3:00PM. The drop-off is for Penfield residents only. We will accept general household refuse, metals, concrete, brush, tree limbs, and tires. We will not accept TVs, computers, monitors, propane tanks, grass clippings, leaves, chemical drums, hazardous materials, gasoline, and motor oil, paint, or driveway sealer.

Until next week stay as dry as you can, hopefully the last several weeks are not an indication of the summer ahead, we will remain optimistic!

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