Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
May 15, 2017

The Town of Penfield’s annual spring drop-off will be held this Friday, May 19 from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Penfield DPW, 1607 Jackson Road. This event is for Penfield residents only. Services include brush, tires, appliances, batteries, metals and general household debris. No chemicals or electronics will be accepted at this drop-off.

Last Thursday, May 11, Senator Funke announced that the New York State Senate recently passed S.2178, his bill to restore municipal authority to establish stricter residency restrictions for sex offenders. I am thankful for Senator Funke’s ongoing efforts to support the Penfield community and all New York state families with this bill. Now that the Senate has passed the bill it is critical that the Assembly take action to approve this legislation; Assemblyman Mark Johns will sponsor the proposal. Once the legislation has made its way through Albany with the governor’s signature, the Penfield Town Board will be able to move forward in adopting the Penfield Child Safety Act that has been on the table since March 2015 because of a court decision limiting a locality’s ability to set such restrictions.

The Penfield Child Safety Act would prohibit the residency of registered Level Two and Level Three sex offenders within designated Child Safe Zones, or 2,000 feet from any schools, parks, playgrounds, town facilities, or daycare centers. The legislation was originally proposed, in part, due to the discovery that a Level Three sex offender had established residency less than 200 feet from Penfield’s Veterans Memorial Park, home to the town’s Little League fields, in February of 2015.

Town of Penfield Animal Services will host the annual rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 AM to noon at the Penfield Sewer Operations Center, 1595 Jackson Road (part of the DPW complex). Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in carriers. All pets must be at least three months of age. For more information call Animal Services at 340-8619. This FREE clinic is sponsored by the Town of Penfield and the Monroe County Department of Health.

Penfield Recreation offers many interesting and educational day trips. The next outing is scheduled for Friday, June 9 for a morning tour of the Mercy Flight operational center in Canandaigua. After the tour the group will enjoy “lunch on your own” at Inn on the Lake. The fee is $15.00. Vans depart the community center at 10:00 AM and will return by 3:00 PM. For questions, please contact Penfield Recreation at 340-8655.

The next scenic trek sponsored by the Penfield Trails Committee will be held on Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Wild Iris Path and Veterans Memorial Park. Join our community naturalists in exploring pathways along preserved flora habitats unique to Penfield. Meet at the west end of Brougham Drive off Jackson Road and look for the hike signs. All hikes are FREE and held rain or shine. For more information and to pre-register, please contact Penfield Recreation at 340-8655, option 0.

Residents of Penfield with disabilities may be interested in SportsNet, a program that provides recreation, fitness, and sports opportunities for people with physical disabilities. For more information please call the SportsNet office at 334-6000, ext. 1120.

I close this week’s column recognizing two long-time town employees who recently retired to move on to their “next chapters” that will include more family time, travel, and pursuit of hobbies. Harold Morehouse was a member of our Building/Zoning & Fire Marshal’s Office for more than 30 years. He reviewed plans, issue permits, made inspections on thousands of shed, pools, additions, homes and businesses. Additionally, Harold supported the Zoning Board of Appeals as liaison to the board.
Bob Garbeck spent almost 36 years in the Parks Department, retiring as the Parks Foreman. Bob told me he started cutting grass at the town hall and Veterans Memorial Park complex before there were any baseball fields or other facilities at this location.

Penfield has been fortunate to have long-tenured, high quality employees like Harold and Bob over the years. On behalf of the Penfield Town Board and the entire community of Penfield, I would like to recognize and thank both of these gentlemen for helping to make Penfield the best community in Monroe County!

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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