The Penfield Art Association (PAA) is gearing up for its 2013 Spring Show, which takes place June 10 – 14 at Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. The opening reception and awards ceremony will be held Monday, June 10, from 7 – 9 PM. The recipient of the PAA's annual student scholarship award will be introduced during the opening. The judge for this year’s show is Rochester artist Tom Lightfoot who is an associate professor of fine arts at Rochester Institute of Technology. This year’s show Chairman is Dennis Wentworth of Fairport. Formed in 1963, the Penfield Art Association has more than 100 members today from throughout the Rochester area. The organization is open to artists of all skill levels and people interested in the two-dimensional visual arts. The Spring Show can be viewed 10 AM – 9 PM Monday – Thursday, June 10 – June 13; 10 AM – 6 PM Friday, June 14; 10 AM – 4 PM Saturday, June 15; and 2 – 3 PM Sunday, June 16. Club members will be on hand at all times to answer questions about the art, much of which will be available for purchase. About 60 club members are represented in the show, which features more than 160 two-dimensional works in a variety of media. Please stop by and view the wonderful works of art from these local artists. If you would like more information about PAA or the Spring Show, please visit their website at www.penfieldartassociation.com.

The annual Ride of Silence was last week and more than 125 Rochester area cyclists participated. This national ride is in honor of friends and loved ones who have died while riding. I was reminded by many of the cyclists to share the following information with all of our residents in an effort to keep them safe when they are riding. You should always inspect your bike to make sure all parts are secure and working properly. Some common tips include: wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet; see and be seen; control your bike; watch for and avoid road hazards; and avoid riding on very busy streets. For more bike safety tips, please visit www.bicyclesafe.com. Please remember to share the roads; we do not want to see anyone injured or killed while riding.

It has been brought to my attention by the members of the Penfield Community Victory Garden that they now have a can and bottle donation slot at the garden shed adjacent to their parking lot at 1747 Five Mile Line Road (just a few blocks north of Atlantic Ave.) All cans and bottles are recycled and the money raised goes into annual maintenance and capital improvement projects for the garden. If you do not want the hassle of waiting in line and feeding your cans and bottles in the supermarket machines, consider dropping them off at the Community Garden. I see it as community helping community!

The Town Board was recently visited by Javier Perez, a student at McQuaid and member of Boy Scout Troop 260, which is sponsored by St. Joseph’s Church. Javier is working on his Eagle Scout project by organizing the first annual Run of Gratitude 5K & One Mile Family Fun Run to be held on June 1 at 9:30 AM to benefit St. Joseph’s School. If you are interested in participating, pre-registration is available on-line at www.sjspenfield.com/runofgratitude5k. Race day registration opens at 8 AM. Runners and walkers are welcome.

The amphitheater has been set up and our Recreation staff is ready to kick-off the 2013 season on Friday, May 31 with the new Food and Jazz Rodeo from 4:30 – 7 PM, featuring Penfield High School jazz groups. In addition to great music from Penfield students, this event will feature many area food trucks, including Tuscan Wood Fired Pizza, Frozen Delights, Wraps on Wheels, Brick-N-Motor, the Dough Boys and Chowder Up Seafood. This is sure to be fun for the whole family. I look forward to seeing you there!

Reminder…the annual Memorial Day Ceremony of Remembrance will take place on Monday, May 27, 10:30 AM at Penfield Amphitheater & Kiwanis Stage behind the Town Hall. Music will be provided by the Penfield Pops Band, the guest speaker will be Legislator Dan Quatro, the VFW will once again present their essay contest award winners and, of course, we will have our distinctive Presentation of Roses.

Until next week, enjoy the nice weather!

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