Last fall the Town was approached by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 820, led by Commander Andrew Strawhand, with a proposal to install a 50 foot high flag pole at the highest point of Rothfuss Park. Penfield Post # 820 donated all the funds to cover the cost of this very generous gift to the citizens of our great community. Members of the VFW have been identifying locations to install flag poles on town-owned lands to proudly display the American flag in all corners of Penfield. This new flag pole will be dedicated on Wednesday, May 23 at noon with a small ceremony and official raising of our newest public flag. On behalf of the entire community of Penfield, we would like to recognize and thank Penfield Post #820 and Commander Andrew E. Strawhand; 1st Vice Commander Richard C. Neubauer; 2nd Vice Commander William J. Bushart; Quartermaster Bruce W. McManus; Adjutant Christine M. Meath and Trustee Waite H. Mertz for their service to our country and their commitment to their community.

Mark your calendars for the annual free rabies clinic to be held Saturday, June 2 at the Penfield Public Works Complex located at 1607 Jackson Road, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This Rabies Vaccination Clinic is a service for dogs and cats of Penfield residents. Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in carriers. All pets must be at least three months old. The free clinic is a courtesy of the Monroe County Department of Health and the Town of Penfield. For more information call 340-8616.

Last week, Recreation Director Chris Bilow and I had the honor of throwing out the first pitch for the Penfield High School Varsity Baseball Team for their senior night celebration. Ten of this year’s team members who will be graduating next month were recognized with their parents at the opening of their last home game of the season. I would like to congratulate Coach Rob Consaul, his staff, and the entire varsity team for their great season. This group of young men proudly represents their school and community and we wish them all the best in all future endeavors. By the way, in case you did not see the write up, Penfield beat Irondequoit 10-0—great job guys, good luck in post season!

The summer 2012 Recreation Brochure is out in all your mailboxes and also available online. Take a few minutes to review all the great program offerings in our aquatic section, scenic treks/trails, wellness information, the amphitheater schedule, library information and much more. Registration is open and programs tend to fill up quickly, so do not delay. For more information please log on at www.penfield.org. Choose ‘Parks and Recreation’ and follow the links.

June is Wellness Month in Penfield, making this a good time to remember that play and recreation are important for good health, and we can also plan to eat more locally grown fruits and vegetables this summer. Hey kids, check out the Rothfuss Park farm walk. The Wegmans Passport Family Wellness program is also underway, stop by the Penfield Recreation office or either of the Penfield Wegmans stores (Penfield Road or Empire Blvd.) to get your Trails Passport and get moving!

The Penfield Rotary Club will be hosting its first $100,000 “hole in one” tournament to be located at the top of Harris Whalen Park. The remaining qualifying dates are Friday, May 25, 5:30-8:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 26, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, May 27, 1:00-6:00 p.m. Consider supporting Rotary and take a chance at winning $100,000…fore!

I close with a few sad notes. First is the passing of Rosalie Mark. Rosalie was the wife of former Town Justice Judge Donald J. Mark who served our great community for many years before becoming a State Supreme Court Judge.

The second is Past Chief and current Commissioner Frank “Ski” Mioduszewski who recently passed away after 39 years of service to the Penfield Fire Company. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both of these families for their losses and the loss to the Penfield Community.

Until next week, be well and enjoy the wonderful spring weather upon us!

Tony
340-8631
supervisor@penfield.org