Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column  
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Despite the rainy weather, many families and individuals came out to support the Terry Rothfuss Memorial “Good Neighbor Day” this past Saturday to offer an extra hand to seniors, veterans, and disabled residents who needed help with light yard work and spring cleanup. Thank you to all who participated—just like Terry Rothfuss, your caring attention was a great help to your neighbors.

Additionally, Bay Trail seventh-grader Marisa Zwick coordinated her second cleanup effort of ponds, drainage ways, and other common and visible locations across town. The damp and cool weather impacted the turnout but did not discourage Marisa who continues to look for ways to educate residents about the negative impacts of littering ponds, waterways and other sensitive areas in our community. Marisa is an amazing young lady and her commitment to making Penfield a better place for all of us is amazing. Marisa, thank you for being one of our biggest advocates for the environment!

As the weather continues to warm up and more residents get out to hike in Penfield and other favorite spots in Monroe County, the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) is offering a number of important facts regarding ticks and Lyme disease. To learn how to identify ticks, safely remove a tick, reduce ticks on your property, and how to properly use insect repellents, follow the NYSDOH at health.ny.gov; facebook.com/NYSDOH; twitter.com/HealthNYGov; and youtube.com/NYSDOH.

The next guided hike sponsored by the Penfield Trails Committee will be held on Saturday, June 9 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Webster Arboretum. Explore this unique garden of natural beauty in a park-like setting dedicated to quiet reflection and the beautiful sights, sounds, and smells of nature. Meet at Kent Park (1700 Schlegel Road in Webster) and look for the hike signs.

If you like to hike pick up a trails passport from PenRec and take it with you on these hikes! Passports are available at the Penfield Recreation Department or at either Penfield Wegmans stores on Rt. 441 or Empire Blvd.

Memorial Day is just around the corner and the Town of Penfield’s annual Ceremony of Remembrance is Monday, May 28 at 10:30 AM at the Penfield Amphitheater & Kiwanis Stage in Veterans Memorial Park behind the Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Ave. This year’s guest speaker is the Hon. Thomas Van Strydonck, Deputy County Executive, former Chief Administrative Judge for the 7th Judicial District and Retired Naval Commander. I hope to see you there!

Mark your calendar for another annual tradition…the “Music & Food Truck Rodeo” is Friday, June 1 at the Penfield Amphitheater & Kiwanis Stage from 5:00 to 8:30 PM. Music is provided by Penfield Schools performing groups. Food truck windows open up at 4:30 PM. Look for great offerings from Tony Tomatoes Tuscan Wood Fired Pizza, Smoothies Plus, The Meat Ball Truck Co, Sonny’s Landing “Eat Greek,” Roc City Sammich, The Dough Boys Fried Dough, and Abbott’s Frozen Custard. Come out and enjoy great music and good food!

The next “Out to Lunch” PenRec van trip will travel east to historic Seneca Falls to the Gould Hotel on Friday, June 15. The van departs from the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road at 10:45 AM and returns approximately 3:00 PM. Go to www.penfieldrec.org to sign up or call 340-8655.

Eager to help your community? Bri-Pen Senior Rides is looking for volunteers to drive Penfield and Brighton seniors to their medical appointments, religious services and town community centers. You can volunteer to drive at your convenience, any help is greatly appreciated. Call 340-8674 for more details and to sign up.

Be sure to sign up early for your favorite summer programs in the Penfield Public Library as they fill up quickly due to popularity. The 2018 Children’s Reading Game starts in just a few weeks along with other favorites including Tiny Explorers, Family Story Time, Parent/Child Book Group, Library Lego Lab, Tales for Tails, Super-Sized Construction Vehicles, and so much more. For more information or to register, call 340-8720 or visit www.penfieldlibrary.org.

Until next week, enjoy this wonderful weather. I hope to see you out in our great community!

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