This past Monday we celebrated Memorial Day. I hope everyone took a moment from their day to pause and remember those who have done so much to ensure our freedom and quality of life. This week’s column is dedicated to all the men and women of the armed forces; past, present, and future…the Penfield Community thanks you for your service and sacrifices!

At the last Town Board meeting we featured LaSalle’s Landing in the third of six spotlights on Penfield’s business districts. LaSalle’s Landing, located along Empire Blvd. at the south end of Irondequoit Bay, offers more than dining, retail, service businesses and commercial establishments. This part of Penfield has a rich history. LaSalle, a Frenchman, first explored Irondequoit Bay in 1669 while seeking the Ohio Trail, hoping it would lead to a water route to the Orient.

The Bay was the gateway from Lake Ontario to the continent’s interior water routes. LaSalle would visit this area twice more between 1670 and 1679. The Town Board encourages all Penfield residents to visit this area to support our local businesses. Healthy businesses make for a healthy community. Our June business spotlight will feature Lloyd’s Corners…stay tuned!

The Town Board recently hosted a public information meeting on the Comprehensive Plan. The intent of this meeting was to give a bit of history around the process and to explain the next steps for adoption of the plan. There are many opportunities to comment on the plan between now and the end of October, which is the anticipated completion.

The plan is available for review on line at www.penfield.org (see ‘Comprehensive Plan,’ quick links, left side of homepage). You may also review a copy at the Library, the Town Hall (Town Clerk’s office), or the Planning office. Finally, if you would like to speak with me, the Town Board, or a member of the Planning office, please contact the Town Hall at 340-8600 and we will schedule an appointment at your convenience to discuss the plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is the Town’s road map for the next decade, affecting how our community will grow and develop. Your thoughts and comments are key to a successful final document.

A workshop was held by the Monroe County Parks Department to draft and design a pilot program for off-road bicycling in Monroe County. Pilot sites are to be located at Tryon Park and Irondequoit Bay Park West. Penfield was honored to host the program at the Dolomite Lodge at Veterans’ Memorial Park. Approximately 75 county residents came together to see what progress has been made to date.

The County, working with their consultant, has completed all the topographical work and has begun to prepare plans for parking facilities and rough out trail locations. They are also identifying work to be done by interested parties.

I would like to recognize Parks Director Larry Staub and his entire team for their efforts to make this pilot program, which was supported by the County Legislature, a reality.

I learned this week that the Rotary Club of Penfield-Webster (Pen-Web) was admitted to membership in Rotary International on May 20. This young club consists of residents and business people located in northern Penfield and southern Webster who want to foster and encourage business growth and success in the area. Pen-Web Rotary also works to support the community with their key initiatives: providing humanitarian service, and building goodwill and peace in the world. Their motto is “Service above Self”!

Congratulations Pen-Web Rotary, the Town of Penfield is a little better place with your club as part of this great community.

Enjoy your week…

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