Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

Week of June 1, 2015

I hope everyone saw Senator Rich Funke’s recent press conference when he announced that he secured funding for a traffic light at the busy intersection of Route 250 and the shared use entrance to the Eastside Family YMCA and Wickham Farms. Funding for the project was identified from the New York State Dormitory Authority through the 2015-16 State Budget. The Town Board is delighted to partner with Senator Funke and the Y to address this important safety issue for the Penfield community. The project now has to advance through the review process at the appropriate New York State agencies; we hope construction will begin this fall.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) started the annual oil and stone surface treatment last week and will continue the project into the summer. The Town surface treats 10 to 12 percent of our 136 miles of town-owned roads every year to preserve the asphalt surface and extend the life of roads. This resurfacing process moves quickly and access to the roads will be disrupted only 10 to 15 minutes. DPW street sweepers will follow the process over the next several weeks to clean up loose stone. Please reduce your speed on these roads during and after the application process.

New construction activity update: In the Four Corners Area, permits are finally in hand for the construction of the new Mark’s Pizzeria on Five Mile Line Road. The new eat-in, dine-out, and take-out facility is ready to break ground. Owner Mark Crane says this will be the flagship Mark’s Pizzeria. During construction the current Mark’s will remain open to serve the Penfield Community. Once the new restaurant is completed, the current Mark’s will be torn down and a new parking area will be added with integrated walkways that tie the northwest quadrant together for easy walkability. Also, Cha-Cha’s Wood Fired Pizza & Grill (the former Angus Steak House) has begun construction of an outdoor patio to serve their customers.

I was delighted to see a full page in the Pen-Rec brochure dedicated to “computer info sessions” by the Technology Guys, LLC. Their classes will include Cyber Security 101, PowerPoint, E-Commerce, Tablets and Pinterest. As I am unfortunately reminded by my two granddaughters (ages 7 and 9) more often than I would like to admit, “…Pa-man you need help working your iPad and computer…!” So check out page 36 of the brochure or log-on at www.penfieldrec.org for more information and details.

A last shout out reminder regarding the annual pie social at the historic Dayton’s Corners School/Museum this Sunday (June 7) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Come try a taste of an authentic 1857 Sunday Social…tours, music, FREE pony rides for the children, and of course pie and lemonade!

Important Dates and Events in History: June 4, 1940 – The British evacuate over 300,000 soldiers from Dunkirk, France back across the English Channel; June 5, 1919 – the 19th Amendment is passed by Congress. This amendment states that the right of citizens to vote “shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex”; June 6, 1944 – Allied forces invade Normandy (referred to as “D-Day”) opening of a second front on the continent of Europe.

Until next week…please remember that June is “wellness month” in Penfield. Play and recreation are important for good health!