The Lakeshore Kiwanis Club’s Annual Law and Order/Firefighter’s Day Luncheon was recently held at the Penfield Country Club to recognize those who respond above and beyond the call of duty. Representatives from Law Enforcement, Fire Service, and Public Safety were in attendance, and more than a dozen plaques were presented to these brave men and women who work so hard to protect all of us in our daily lives.

Monroe County and this region are recognized for the resources and quality of our public safety personnel, equipment, and practices. Congratulations to all the recipients and thank you for all you do for our community.

The Town Hall was filled with the voices of more than one hundred second grade students from Cobbles Elementary School making their annual trek to learn a little bit about town government and our town history. I continue to be impressed with their energy and knowledge of Penfield.

We discussed when Penfield was settled and incorporated, the different industries throughout the town, what it was like to attend school back the early 1800s, and how different Penfield is today. The students viewed a short presentation depicting life in Penfield and attempted to identify some 19th century tools and home utensils.

This is the twenty-fourth year I have had the honor and pleasure to speak with the second graders, and I look forward to many, many more opportunities. They give the town staff great joy and excitement with their presence.

The Town Board hosted an informational meeting on the current sign ordinance; this ordinance was last updated 29 years ago. The Board is committed to making sure there is a balance between allowing our businesses, not for profit organizations, and residents to advertise appropriately without making the town look trashy and cluttered.

We will concentrate on overall design, historical appearance when necessary, effectiveness, consisteny, maintenance, lighting, visual pollution, use of temporary signs, and proper enforcement. Over the years the Town has become lax in the consistency of applying and enforcing the current ordinance, this Town Board wants to address this topic and move forward with a consistent approach for the good of the entire community.

Several of us attended the official unveiling of the Monroe County Hall of Towns and Villages sponsored by the County Executive Maggie Brooks. This is a program the County of Monroe started last year by gathering information and materials from all the communities to provide an overview of the rich history within this County…it is amazing!

This mobile display will travel and reside at all the towns and villages for a period of time over the next year. I have requested that Penfield be one of the first communities to host the display in conjunction with our bicentennial celebration. We will update our website www.penfield.org when details about where the display will be located.

The Town received its permit from the DEC to begin performing more clean up work at the Ruoff property located at LaSalle’s Landing on Empire Blvd. The Town is committed to clean up this environmentally sensitive area to prep it for use by the public over the next several years; this is yet another “jewel” within our great community. We will keep everyone updated on the progress through PCTV and our website.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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