June is Wellness Month in Penfield, and to celebrate, our Recreation Department is rolling out “Walk Around Penfield,” a new program designed to help residents stay fit. I am very excited about this program; many of us just need a little push to start becoming more active. I plan on challenging my family as to who will do more steps each day. Please join me in walking at least one mile each day.

For additional information on this program please log on to www.penfield.org and click on Parks and Recreation, then click on Events. This program is sponsored by Penfield Recreation, in conjunction with Wegmans, our wellness partner.

The recent resurfacing of Panorama Trail was done using a process called “cold in-place recycling” to minimize use of energy and materials, lower costs and speed results. The Town of Penfield looks forward to repeating this success with future road rehabilitation projects.

This innovative process mills and recycles pavement right on the spot! As old pavement is scraped from the existing roadway it is immediately mixed with new materials, then reapplied to the road in a single-pass operation. The equipment is essentially a continuous on-site road-making machine.

Cold in-place recycling is beneficial because it improves the road surface without the energy consumption, expense and time typically required to haul materials to and from a job site. Additionally, the construction period is shortened which further lowers costs and minimizes and traffic disruptions. In fact, the Panorama Trail project was completed ahead of schedule. Panorama Trail resurfacing helped to “Renew Penfield.”

The Taste of Penfield and the Wegmans Penfield Music Fest kicked off the 2010 Special Events at the Amphitheater last week with record crowds, great food from local restaurants, and wonderful music from the Penfield School District Music Departments. I have heard many wonderful reviews from residents and visitors who attended.

Unfortunately, the Penfield Symphony Orchestra (PSO) POPS Concert was cancelled; however, the rain date allowed the PSO to perform the concert at the new music auditorium at the High School which will be their new home for the ’10-’11 season. It is a fantastic venue to enjoy great music.

Those in attendance were honored to hear “Penfieldia,” a history of Penfield from the Big Bang to 2010 in less than 5 minutes, performed for the very first time. This wonderful piece, written by Alan Lowne with his orchestration assistant Jonathan Allentoff, is a wonderful tribute to our community during this bicentennial celebration. Both Alan and Jonathan will be recognized in a new program entitled “Take Note of Penfield” to be rolled out over the next several months.

As we move from spring and towards the summer season you have seen our various Community Gardens taking shape around this great community of Penfield. Many of our local greenhouses have donated to these gardens and I would like to recognize them for their support and interest in our Town:
- Agway Gardens on Empire Blvd. (Frank Bodine)
- Bauman’s Farm Market (Jim Bauman)
- Clematis Inn Bed & Breakfast (Theda Ann Burnham)
- Hidden Hollow Farm (Lance and Melissa Iocco)
- Horticultural Greenhouse Program (St. Joseph’s Villa)
- Wambach’s Garden Center (Jay)
- Welch’s Greenhouses (Bill and Laura Vendel)
- Wickham Farms (Bill and Debbie Wickham)

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I look forward to seeing you out in the town!

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