I am reminded by the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department to encourage all of our residents to secure their properties appropriately to prevent theft. Keep garage doors closed and locked at night, if your vehicle sits in the driveway overnight make sure it is locked and nothing valuable is left in sight. Many of these thefts are “crimes of opportunity” by young adults from the neighborhood or visiting the neighborhood. Do not make yourself a victim.

I attended the Penfield Art Association (PAA) reception and awards ceremony last week on their opening evening. This 49-year-old club continues to grow and provide a wonderful show at the Community Center. I am delighted that the Town of Penfield is able to partner with the PAA to provide the space and dates to make this program available to the largest number of our residents. I would like to recognize PAA Spring Show & Sale Chair Nancy Murty and co-chair Dennis Wentworth for making this year’s program such a success and for all the artists who were recognized for their excellent work.

We will host the annual Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, June 30. Events kick off with the parade at 10:00 a.m. The parade route will begin at Penfield High School, head south on Five Mile Line Road, turn east on Rt. 441, then north on Baird Road to end at the Community Center. This year’s parade marshal is Mike Cooper, retired Director of the Penfield Recreation Department. Parade emcee will be Penfield’s own Don Alhart of 13 WHAM-TV. Parade music will be provided by the Webster Marching Band, Gates Keystone Club Police Pipes & Drums, Hit Men Brass Band, Towpath Volunteers Fife & Drum Corps, Penfield Fire Company and Band, Ghost Riders Drum & Bugle Corps and more. Events at Harris Whalen Park include fun for the whole family beginning at 6:00 p.m. Music will be provided by local bands “Bobby Henrie and the Goners” at 6:00 p.m. followed by “Dog House” at 8:00 p.m. Kids can enjoy a bounce house and vendors will offer many different food options. Fireworks will begin at 10:00 p.m. Please note that there will be no rain date in the event of inclement weather.

The Kiwanis Club of Penfield-Perinton Foundation and the Town of Penfield once again partnered for the Community Charity Annual Golf Tournament earlier this week, benefiting local charities including the Shepherd Home, Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf, Golisano Children’s Hospital and the Penfield High School-Don Mack Scholarship Fund. The weather was great, the event wonderful, and the benefit to these organizations fantastic. I would like to thank the Penfield-Perinton Kiwanis Foundation for all they do to make our great community of Penfield better in so many ways!

It is time when another school year comes to a close. On behalf of our entire Town Board and the Penfield community, I would like to congratulate all Penfield students in elementary, junior high, high school or college for all your hard work during the 2011-2012 school year; enjoy your summer.

As I have mentioned briefly in past columns, we have a wonderful musical lineup planned at the Penfield Amphitheater & Kiwanis stage this summer: “Cool Jazz” Tuesdays feature Gap Mangione and his New Blues Band July 10; Rod Blumenu July 17; Mark Cassara July 24; and The White Hots July 31. “Kids Fest” Thursdays feature The Dinner Dogs July 12; Bart and Kevin July 19; Dady Brothers July 26; and Mike Kornrich Band August 2. The lineup for “Saturdays on Stage” is Coupe DeVilles July 21 and Gap Mangione and his Big Band August 4. All music starts at 7:00 p.m. and there will be great food available each night, I hope to see you there!

Important dates and events in History: June 22, 1942- “Pledge of Allegiance” to the flag was officially recognized by U.S. Congress.

Until next week, I hope to see you out and about Penfield!

Tony
340-8631
supervisor@penfield.org