Town of Penfield Supervisor's Column

Week of June 20, 2016

One last reminder to those interested in commenting on the future land use of Shadow Lake and Shadow Pines properties: All parties are invited to a public information meeting Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall auditorium, 3100 Atlantic Ave. Public comments are welcome throughout the moratorium period and may be submitted using an online form on the Town of Penfield website. Comments received by June 30 will be provided to the moratorium committee for their next meeting. Please contact the Planning Department at 340.8640 for further information.

This past March, Sunnking Recycling invited Penfield town employees, along with municipal employees from other towns and villages, to participate in an electronic recycling fundraiser called “e-Scrap 4 camp” to support Camp Good Days. Sunnking informed us last week that Penfield employees donated 9,349 lbs. of e-Scrap, contributing to a total donation of $11,219.94 to Camp Good Days & Special Times. I would like to recognize Jim Kreckman from our DPW Facilities Department for coordinating this effort. Many thanks to employees who cleaned out their basements, garages, and homes to donate unwanted and unused electronic devices for a great cause.

I am reminded by our town Employee Wellness Committee that June is “National Great Outdoors” month. Members encourage us all to get outside and walk, hike, or bike for our overall wellness. They also want to remind us to stay hydrated and use sunscreen. Practicing good health and wellness today will pay big dividends in the future.

If you are looking for something different to try this summer consider joining one PenRec’s van trips. Upcoming outings include:

“Out to Lunch” at Connelly’s Cove in Wolcott on Friday, July 15. (Depart the community center at 11 AM and return by 3 PM, the cost is $10.00 for transportation, lunch is paid on your own.)

A Day in Skaneateles on Wednesday, July 13. Time on your own for strolling the shops and lunch on your own before an afternoon sightseeing cruise. (Depart the community center at 10:30 AM and return at 4:30 PM. The cost is $25.00 to cover transportation and the boat cruise.)

For more information on these programs and many more van trips offered through October, see page 26 in the Summer 2016 PenRec brochure or go to www.penfieldrec.org.

The next Penfield Trails Committee guided hike is scheduled for Saturday, July 9 at Abraham Lincoln Park on Empire Boulevard south of Plank Road. Meet at the playground and look for the hike signs. Come explore the ups and downs of this county park from the wooded uplands to the bay shore trail connections. All hikes are FREE, however please register by calling 340-8655, option 6. Please no pets and wear appropriate footwear as there is some steep terrain and conditions can be slippery.

There will be no Penfield Town Board meeting on Wednesday, June 29 as it is the fifth Wednesday of the month. Also, the town offices will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The Penfield Library will be closed from Saturday, July 2 to Monday, July 4.

The 2017 budget process is underway. Over the next several months I will provide updates as to how things are shaping up, the impact of unfunded New York State mandates, and any new wrinkles involving the “affordable health care act,” insurances, and more.

Until next week, enjoy the nice summer weather, stay hydrated, and use sunscreen!

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