Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
June 24, 2019

More than one hundred people were in attendance for the Genesee Land Trust’s 30th Anniversary Community Celebration and Irene Gossin Nature Preserve Opening this past Sunday. The new preserve is located on Five Mile Line Road opposite Rothfuss Park. Mrs. Gossin was the first elected female supervisor in Penfield; her terms ran 1972 to 1979 and 1982 to 1983. This beautiful property will remain as open space for generations of residents and visitors to our community to enjoy. It features a field setting with stands of trees, swamp land, a drainage way, wildlife, multiple species of plants and flowers, and pathways for the public to explore. Mrs. Gossin passed on June 20, 2016 at the age of 97, leaving her mark on the environmental fabric of Penfield forever.

Beginning this week our Highway crews will be moving fill from a work site on Harris Road to a stretch of Whalen Road along the curve near Clark Road. This is a safety improvement project we are working on in conjunction with the County of Monroe Transportation Department to reduce the steep drop from the road surface to the right-of-way west and south of the roadway. Fill will be graded and seeded from the roadway down across the grassy area and over a row of tree stumps that could not be removed because RG&E utilities run directly beneath the former tree line.

The 2020 budget process is well underway. Last week, department heads submitted their tentative budgets and Priorities & Goals for the coming year. Over the next month the Comptroller and I will be reviewing proposed expenses and projected revenues with each department as we prepare for reviews with the town board and scheduling required public hearings. I will keep you updated as to how things are shaping up for 2020 as we hit various milestones throughout the process.

The $4 million Empire Blvd. road improvement project that begins in Irondequoit and runs through Penfield to Webster is well underway and will continue into the fall. The project includes new road surface preparation, turning lanes, and pedestrian upgrades. Please drive safely in this area, watch out for workers, and do not speed! Tickets in work zones are subject to double fines and significant point penalties. Thank you in advance for your understanding and safe driving behaviors.

Reminder...this Tuesday’s (June 25) amphitheater event features Mr. Loops, very popular with children and families and always a big hit on our stage. Please come join in the fun from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. On Tuesday, July 9 “It’s My Party” is on stage to entertain you. Since 1985, It’s My Party has been delivering a vintage 1960s experience complete with a 14-piece orchestra and original songs written just for the group. Tight harmonies, vintage costumes, and retro choreography are all set to the highest standards of the 1960s girl groups. All programs begin at 6:30 PM at the Penfield Amphitheater and Kiwanis Stage located in the park behind the town hall.

I would like to recognize and congratulate all elementary students who are moving up to junior high, and all junior high students moving up to high school. To all graduating seniors, best wishes for your next chapter whether that be college, the military, learning a trade, or starting a new job. Enjoy your summer!

The Penfield Public Library offers a wide variety of programming during the summer months including reading games, crafty fun days, summer family story time, and more! Please view all the various programs on page 43 of the Pen-Rec brochure or visit www.penfieldlibrary.org.
URGENT...hero drivers are needed immediately for Bri-Pen Senior Rides. Please call 340-8674 if you are able to help. Drivers are trained by Lifespan’s “Give a Lift” program and are given FREE supplemental care insurance. The program offers rides to Brighton or Penfield seniors for medical appointments, religious services or town recreation centers. Thank you in advance if you are able to help out...it does make a difference for so many seniors!

Until next week...I hope to see you at our Independence Day Celebration this coming Saturday, June 29. The parade begins at 10:00 AM, and music and food at Harris Whalen Park run from 6:00 to 10:00 PM with fireworks at 10:00 PM. I hope to see you there!

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