The 23rd annual Kiwanis Community Charity Golf Tournament was held last week; this was the second year the Town of Penfield co-sponsored the event. I am delighted the Penfield-Perinton Kiwanis and Town of Penfield have been able to partner in support of several local programs. This year checks were presented to the Don Mack Scholarship Fund (Don was a Penfield Supervisor from 1984–1991); Daystar; Mary Cariola Children’s Center; and the Golisano Children’s Hospital. I would like to recognize and give a special thank you to the entire tournament committee and co-chairs Robert Calabrese and John Hanratty from Kiwanis as well as Geoff Benway and Jim Costello from the town for all their efforts to make this tournament a success.

I learned that sixteen members of the Penfield High School Robotics Club recently picked up all the roadside trash at the four on/off ramps at Route 441 and Panorama Trail to help spruce up one of the main gateways of our Community. The Robotics Team has assisted the town on many occasions to help keep Penfield looking sharp and appealing to everyone coming home or visiting. On behalf of the entire community, thank you for taking the time and initiative to support Penfield.

As you are reading this column, we are putting the finishing touches on the Independence Day celebration to be held Saturday, July 2. The parade starts at 10 AM and features nine musical groups, twelve floats, and an array of community groups, fire departments and of course, a number of our local, county, state and federal elected officials. Music, food and entertainment will be held at Harris-Whalen Park starting at 6 PM, with fireworks rounding out the day’s event at 10:15 PM. I look forward to seeing many of you during the celebration.

I want to begin to plug an event that will be held Saturday, October 1. The Penfield Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Park’s and Recreation Advisory Board, will be hosting a bike drop-off event with PR Community Bikes and Penfield Rotary. Last year approximately 2,500 bikes were given away, and the demand for this year and beyond continues to grow. If you have an un-used bike your garage, barn or basement and you are looking to give it a new home, please consider donating to this very worthwhile event. More details will be coming out shortly as to where and when you can drop the bikes off. It is always better to up-cycle then send something off to the landfill.

The annual Dayton’s Corners School (DCS) open house and pie social held last weekend was another hit. The weather was delightful, the school was in great shape, and of course the several pieces of pie that I sampled were out of this world. DCS Coordinator Karyn Turner and her staff did their usual wonderful job of meeting and greeting. Visitors enjoyed old-time fiddle music by Heartstrings, and our younger residents enjoyed free pony rides. DCS is just one of many gems we enjoy in the Penfield community.

Upcoming events to mark on your calendar: “Cool Jazz” Tuesdays – July 12 features Bob Sneider Group and on July 19 the Brad Batz Group. “Kids Fest” Thursdays – July 14 features the Dinner Dogs and on July 21 it’s Allen Hopkins and the Canal Crew. All of these programs start at 7 PM and are located at the Penfield amphitheater on the Kiwanis Stage. Come and enjoy the great entertainment. Bring a snack or purchase food from the vending cart. I hope to see you there.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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