Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
Week of July 4, 2016

You could not have picked a more beautiful day for July 4th activities in Penfield. The weather was ideal and the parade was filled with music, floats, and many community groups and organizations. The evening at Harris Whalen Park was picture-perfect for fantastic music, a variety of food, and of course the fireworks — every year thousands of people flock to the park to take in the Penfield fireworks!

The Town Board recognized the Penfield Fire Company as this year’s parade marshals in celebration of its 175th anniversary of protecting Penfield and its residents from fire, flood, ice storms, and other emergencies. This volunteer organization of Penfield men and women stands ready to serve regardless of the emergency at hand.

Additionally, we recognized Penfield’s own Don Alhart for his 50 years of broadcast excellence in our region. Don was also recognized for supporting the Penfield Recreation Department as being our parade emcee for many decades. Don consistently gives of himself to support our community and truly practices “service above self”!

On behalf of the Town Board and the entire community of Penfield, I want to recognize Recreation Director Chris Bilow and his entire team for hosting another wonderful July 4th celebration. From the parade to the fireworks, and everything in between, our celebration was perfect for residents of all ages...thank you!

The American Red Cross has asked me to inform the community that Type O positive blood is in short supply. There are not enough people coming forward to give blood and platelets and the Red Cross needs our help to replenish the supply. Please schedule an appointment today to donate blood or platelets to help save the life of a wife, child, or husband who just needs one donor like you to step forward. Your donation can also meet the needs of patients in critical situations: kids fighting cancer, patients waiting for serious surgeries, and people in your town who will need blood to survive traumatic injuries.

Individuals who are at least 17 years of age, meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. Blood drive locations and hours are subject to change. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for additional details.

Recreation Director Chris Bilow shared with me that the first week of summer youth programs that began June 28 yielded some impressive numbers. More than 600 participants joined 45 programs including summer day camp, swim lessons, volleyball and soccer camps, as well as high school basketball, tennis, and golf leagues. Participation for 2016 is on pace to be the most active year on record. Great job by the Penfield Recreation Department!

One last reminder of an opportunity to dispose of large TVs, consoles, desktops, and other electronics at no cost: Assemblyman Mark Johns is hosting a FREE community electronics recycling day this coming Saturday, July 9, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road. For more information, please contact Assemblyman Johns’ office at 223-9130.

Until next week, enjoy your summer activities and the beautiful warm weather!

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