CORRECTION...a few columns ago, I highlighted the accomplishments of five Eagle Scouts; however, I made a major mistake! I inadvertently used the father’s name (Michael) instead of the Eagle Scout (Benjamin) and I apologize for my mistake. Computers are great for misspelled words and correcting grammar, but they do not help to distinguish father from son! To that end, I want to recognize Benjamin Kabot of Troop 230. As a reminder, for his Eagle project, Benjamin digitized the old section of Oakwood Cemetery and permanently recorded the history and genealogy of 367 plots and approximately 2,000 headstones. Benjamin, thank you for your service, and I again apologize for my error!

The next opportunity to give blood in Penfield is Monday, July 13 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Browncroft Community Church, 2530 Browncroft Blvd. During the summer months blood supplies become dangerously low. Please consider taking an hour out of the summer to schedule an appointment, it does make a difference to many people in our community. To schedule an appointment for this event or another time and location, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

This week I would like to highlight the former Country Way Garden Center at 2755 Penfield Road established by Tony and Michele Slominski. In August of 2011 the Garden Center was purchased by Broccolo Tree & Lawn Care, a family-owned company founded by Laurie Broccolo in 1990. For more than 24 years, the company has been recognized locally and nationally for its education efforts within the green industry, as well as serving its customers. Broccolo Tree & Lawn Care is an acknowledged leader in the care of nature’s assets and provides award-winning service and practical, responsible care that promotes a healthy landscape environment. If you have questions about lawn care, tree care, or need plants and other materials from the garden center, please log on at www.brocolotreeandlawn.com or call 424-4476—and remember to shop locally, it does make a difference for the entire community!

The 2015 concert series has arrived! Starting next week and running for the next month, come and enjoy a variety of music at the Penfield Amphitheater & Kiwanis Stage. So you didn’t get a chance to attend the recent jazz fest downtown? No worries, several of the same excellent musicians are performing for “Cool Jazz” Tuesdays: July 14 – Bill Tiberio; July 21 – Jim Doser Group; July 28 – Gap Mangione and New Blues Band; August 4 – Mark Cassara. What’s in store for our youngest residents? More fun! Come join in at “Kids Fest” Thursdays: July 16 – Paulsen and Baker; July 23 – Mike Kornrich; July 30 – Dinner Dogs, and August 6 – Dady Brothers. You still have not had enough? Come join in on “Saturdays on Stage”: July 18 – Mr. Mustard Beatle Review (with opening act – It’s My Party at 5:00 p.m.); August 1 – “ZBTB” (Zac Brown Tribute Band). Music starts at 7:00 p.m. (please note July 18 has an opening act at 5:00 p.m.). Great food is available each night and there will be a wine tent at Cool Jazz events.

There is still time to participate in the next Penfield Trails Committee free guided hike at Abraham Lincoln Park on Saturday, July 11, 9:00 to 11:00 am. Abraham Lincoln Park is a 182-acre Monroe County Park located along the southeastern shoreline of Irondequoit Bay within the town of Penfield. Come explore the ups and downs from wooded uplands to the bay shore trail connections. There is a possibility you may see the eagle that has been nesting in the area. Trails begin at the end of Smith Road off of Empire Blvd. Look for the “Hike” signs. While the hike is free, participants are asked to pre-register by calling Penfield Recreation at 340-8655, option 6.

Until next week, I hope to see you out and about in our great community.

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