News flash...The Penfield Public Library's "hold" convenience fee will be increasing to $1.00 beginning September 1, 2011. You can lock in today's rate of $.50 per "hold" with their Forever Hold cards, on sale July 1 through August 31, 2011. For $5.00, you receive a card good for 10 holds redeemable only at the Penfield Public Library. They never expire. For more information, call the library at 340-8720 or ask at the information desk while you're visiting. I recently purchased several cards for my family, they make great gifts. While we cannot always control the cost of inflation, the Penfield Library's innovation with the development of the Forever Hold card is another reason why they are noted as the top library within Monroe County!

It has been brought to my attention that the Faith Child Care & Nursery School, located at 2576 Browncroft Blvd., is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. As part of the celebration, from July 20-24, they will be installing a Planet Earth Playscape which will be the first in Monroe County. These Playscapes are safer designed playgrounds built around natural elements and incorporate music, building, art, gardens and nature. Faith Child Care & Nursery School is looking for 35 community volunteers each of these days to assist in the building of the new Playscape. For more details or to volunteer, please call the school at 385-2360 or email kacostello@fccnschildcare.com.

Over the last several weeks our Highway Department has been working on the annual surface treatment (oil/stone) of more than 13 miles of Town-owned roads. Our goal is to treat approximately 10% of the local road mileage each year. The oil of oil/stone seals the asphalt surface and fills the cracks similar to what is done when we seal our driveways. The stone is applied to add a "wear course" and allow immediate access to the road. Town street sweepers will follow the process after a few days to clean up loose stone. If your street was on our list we apologize for the temporary inconvenience; if your street was not on the list, we will see you sometime over the next ten years!

I would like to recognize all the members of the Town of Penfield staff that worked so hard to ensure the Independence Day celebration was a big success for the entire community. Starting with the parade right through to the fireworks, I continue to be impressed with their energy, dedication and attention to detail...on behalf of the entire community, thank you team for making the 2011 celebration a hit for everyone involved.

I would also like to take a minute to recognize the men and women of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department (MCSD) and the New York State Police (NYS P) that service the community of Penfield. I typically only hear from residents when they do not believe they are getting the service or support for speed and traffic control in their neighborhoods. I have a weekly opportunity to speak with the deputies and troopers that support Penfield, and I can tell you that their commitment to controlling crime, managing traffic concerns and issues, and providing safety checks throughout Penfield is second to none. Like many public and private businesses these days, resources are stretched to the limit, and I am thankful for what they do day in and day out to keep our community safe.

The Penfield Amphitheater special events get kicked into high gear during July, so mark those calendars for a fun evening of wonderful music and entertainment:

-Thursday July 14 - Dinner Dogs - 7PM
-Monday July 18 - Penfield POPS Band - 7PM
-Tuesday July 19 - The Brad Batz Group - 7PM
-Thursday July 21 - Allen Hopkins and the Canal Crew - 7PM
-Saturday July 23 - Ruby Shooz - 7PM
-Tuesday July 26 - The Jim Doser Group - 7PM
-Thursday July 28 - Boomerang club - 7PM
-Saturday July 30 - Gap Mangione and his Big Band - 7PM

Our Town employee Wellness Committee reminds us that July is Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month. Approximately 294,000 children under the age of 18 are affected by pediatric arthritis and rheumatologic conditions. To learn more please log on at www.arthritis.org.

Until next week, be well and be safe! Tony, 340-8631 or supervisor@penfield.org